United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 5, 2018

Case No. F-2017-14066

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

This letter responds to your request dated July 28, 2017, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed over 300 potentially responsive pages, and retrieved 7 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that four may be released in full, and three may be released in part. All released material is enclosed.

Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on the document. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from exempt material has been released.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Damon Taaffe at Damon.Taaffe@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2017-14066, and the civil action number, 18-cv-01321, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman

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Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

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- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
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- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

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- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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NO DISCERNIBLE CLASSIFICATION

Nauert, Heather N

From: OpsBrief
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 4:08 AM
To: SES-O
Subject: DPRK CLAIMS SUCCESSFUL ICBM TEST LAUNCH (U Version)

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
Operations Center

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(U) State media in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) report the Hwasong-14 missile reached an altitude of 1,741 miles and hit its target after flying for 39 minutes. ***(Reuters)***

Additional updates on events in DPRK are available through our classified website at http://ses.state.sgov.gov

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From: Cobb, William P
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Allen, Tristan J
Cc: Applegate, James D
Subject: RE: Ops Speaker Series: The Korean Peninsula

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Tristan,

Looking forward to July 28. Per the email trail below, my bio is immediately below:

Will Cobb is the Chief of the Republic of Korea (ROK) Unit in the Office of Korean Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to taking this assignment, Mr. Cobb served as a Special Assistant to Secretary of State John Kerry. His overseas assignments include Mexico (2008-2010), Nicaragua (2010-2012) and Colombia (2013-2015. In addition to working for the former Secretary, his Washington assignments include the Operations Center as a Watch Officer and his current assignment. Mr. Cobb also spent seven years as a business consultant with Deloitte and Booz Allen Hamilton. He attended the United States Coast Guard Academy and obtained his MBA at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. [redacted] B6

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything else.

V/r,

Will

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From: Allen, Tristan J
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Applegate, James D; Cobb, William P
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Thanks a million!

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From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Allen, Tristan J <AllenTJ@state.gov>; Cobb, William P <CobbWP@state.gov>
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Thanks Tristan,

We are looking forward to it. Here's my bio. Will is out this week, but should be back on Monday.

James

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James Applegate is the Chief of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Unit in the Office of Korean Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to taking this assignment, Mr. Applegate served as Deputy Counselor for United Nations Affairs at the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna, Austria (UNVIE) (2013-2016). James served in the Operations Center from 2011 to 2012, and was trained in every chair as that year's lone WO/SWO/OS. His other overseas assignments include Kabul, Afghanistan (2012-2013); Canberra, Australia (2009-2011); and Guangzhou, China (2007-2009). A graduate of Michigan State University, Mr. Applegate spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Armenia before joining the Foreign Service.

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James,

That is perfect. I know the group would be thrilled to hear more about EAP/K roles. (I also plan to send you separate bidding-related email later today.)

For the brownbag, if you have a chance to send us your bio beforehand, that would be great. I am more than happy to introduce you both to the group.

All the best,
Tristan

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Will and I are always happy to help out Ops. We have been in touch with Amy and are already planning to be there on July 28 at 12. Your program below looks great, just be aware we also want to make a plug for bidding on the Korea desk.

James

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Dear Will and James,

The Operations Center is organizing a series of informal discussions with Department subject matter experts on various foreign policy topics to further our understanding of key issues, their context, and the Department's engagement in these areas.

Should your schedule permit, we would like to have you speak to us about the Korean Peninsula. We envision a 15–20 minute informal presentation on the major foreign policy issues and questions related to ROK and the DPRK, followed by a 20–30 minute Q&A session.

Would you be free 12:00 p.m. on July 28? If this day/time does not work, please let me know if there are other dates/times that do.

Sincerely,

Tristan

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Cc: SES-Line_Trip Team; Del Pozzo, Christina
Subject: Re: EUR TT update

Got it. Thx.

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Dereck J. Hogan
Deputy Executive Secretary
U.S. Department of State
(202) 647-5302 | HoganDJ@state.gov

On Jun 25, 2017, at 8:41 PM, Williamson, Carolee A <WilliamsonCA@state.gov> wrote:

> Dereck-
>
> Sent questions back vice physically sending the bcl back to avoid version control issues.
>
> The BCLs on the portal have the questions embedded on which I'm waiting for answers.
>
> Hope that answers your question?
>
> (Forgive me if I'm being unclear)
>
> Carolee
>
> Carolee A. Williamson
> Executive Secretariat
> WilliamsonCA@state.gov
> Office: +1-202-647-8879
> iPhone: [redacted] B6
>
> On Jun 25, 2017, at 8:18 PM, Hogan, Dereck J <HoganDJ@state.gov> wrote:
>
> No problem. So you have not returned any Hamburg bcls to the bureaus, correct?
>
> Dereck J. Hogan
> Deputy Executive Secretary
> U.S. Department of State
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>
> On Jun 25, 2017, at 5:49 PM, Williamson, Carolee A <WilliamsonCA@state.gov> wrote:
>
> > Yes. But....all of the Hamburg BCLs had questions, but I feel it's worth you having a look to make sure we are on the same page.

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Carolee

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On Jun 25, 2017, at 4:14 PM, Hogan, Dereck J <HoganDJ@state.gov> wrote:

Hi Carolee, thanks to you and rest of the trip team for the update and excellent work. I plan to be in early tmrw to go through the rest of the paper. Based on the below summary, I think the only paper that is ready for my review is part of the Hamburg BCLs (not all because you kicked back some BCLs to bureaus to answer your questions, correct?), the Istanbul bilat BCL and scenario, and the revised paper with bureau responses to our questions. Pls confirm. Thx, dh

Dereck J. Hogan
Deputy Executive Secretary
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(202) 647-5302 | HoganDJ@state.gov

On Jun 25, 2017, at 3:50 PM, Williamson, Carolee A <WilliamsonCA@state.gov> wrote:

> Dereck –
>
> We have now completed the Line review of all paper with the exception of the Hamburg Baseball cards and Pocket cards which we'll complete on Monday.
>
> No doubt you saw the question lists for bureaus, hopefully its educative (i.e., types of questions asked). The few drafters I spoke to by phone found it difficult to commit to a response after hours due to the clearance process, and requested an email anyway. As we discussed yesterday, for simple responses and this volume of paper, it's generally easier for us to add the response vice sending back and forward.
>
> **Pending paper, due Monday am:**
> -ROK/Japan AA
> -Chinese President Xi BCL and PC
> -UK and Italy Baseballs cards
>
> **To do/Flags:**
> -Schedule: Will update first thing Monday morning (changes needed are reformer participants and note that G-20 working session topics are still TBD).
> -G-20: We'll check on an updated G-20 agenda to check topics and add lead agency information.
> -ISTANBUL: We'll call Wilezol Monday am re the paper/remarks. It was unclear in the trip meeting if he had what he needed.
> -WARSAW: Let me know if you want Meet and Greet BBs tasked and a (T) event added to the schedule.

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-PA clearance will be obtained Monday for PCs, when review is completed.
-Bios: We'll request G-20 FM bios given FM Gabriel may host a dinner (currently we've only requested head of State level).

Summary - Pending Paper questions:

EB:
-World Economy AA: Please provide the Hamburg Action Plan.
-Development/Africa/Migration:

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-Food Security:

AA: Employment and Digitalization:

EAP:

Indonesia BCL:

Singapore BCL:

WHA:

SCA:

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EUR:

UK PM May BCL:

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Macron BCL:

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Gabriel BCL:

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Croatia PC, BC, and BCL:
-Sent separately high side to Ian Campbell. Please return soonest.

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Slovenia BC:

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Latvia BC:

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Duda BCL:

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:12 PM
To: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: FW: For Tad: S-Corker/Cardin BCL
Attachments: 062717 BCL Corker Cardin coffee sanctions.docx; Senator Ben Cardin.docx; 4.19.17 Senator Corker Member Bio Updated.docx; BILLS-115s722es.pdf; 18 State Auth Draft For Comment.pdf

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From: Nutt, Katie M
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: For Tad: S-Corker/Cardin BCL

Tad,

For your review – BCL for S' coffee tomorrow with Corker and Cardin.

Thanks!
Katie

Katie Nutt
S Special Assistant
Office of the Secretary
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The Secretary's Meeting with Senators Corker (R-TN) and Cardin (D-MD)
Tuesday, June 27, 2017

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Attachments:

Tab 1 – Biographic Information of Senators
Tab 2 – S. 722 – As passed by the Senate
Tab 3 – Draft SFRC FY 2018 State Department Authorization Bill

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Drafted	H – Paul Rademacher 7-1963	
Approved	H – Mary Waters	
Cleared:	H – Charles Faulkner	(ok)
	EUR – Rich Hinman	(ok)
	S/INI – Richard Johnson	(ok)
	ISN/MNSA – Steve LaMontagne	(ok)
	NEA – Paul Pavwoski	(ok)
	L/NPV –David Buchholz	(ok)
	L/EB – Jessica Weare	(ok)
	IO/PSC – Matthew Oiumet	(ok)
	EB – Bob Bailey	(ok)
	D/CSP – Joe Wang	(info)
	P – Josh Cartin	(info)
	D – Jen Neidhart de Ortiz	(info)
	S/P – Ed Lacey	(ok)

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 27, 2018

Case No. F-2017-14066

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated October 5, 2018, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed over 500 potentially responsive pages, and retrieved 76 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that the responsive information in 32 documents may be released in full, the responsive information in 37 documents may be released in part, and the responsive information in 7 documents must be withheld in full.

All non-exempt, responsive material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. The documents withheld in full were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 3, 5 and 6, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(3), (b)(5) and (b)(6).

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Damon Taaffe at Damon.Taaffe@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2017-14066, and the civil action number, 18-cv-01321, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:32 AM
To: D NEA Duty Officer3
Subject: FW: [redacted] B5

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Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov>; Peterlin, Margaret JA <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>; Kenna, Lisa D <kennald@state.gov>; Ciccone, Christine M <CicconeCM@state.gov>; Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>; Lempert, Yael <LempertY@state.gov>; LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>; Reynolds, Luke <ReynoldsJL2@state.gov>
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From: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:34 AM
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I will print for D. anything I should put on top of this?

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From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Rangaswamy, Roopa
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] B5

Can you update your memo? It's a good memo.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jones, Stuart E" <JonesS2@state.gov>
Date: June 26, 2017 at 8:29:29 AM EDT
To: "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>, "Peterlin, Margaret JA" <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>, "Kenna, Lisa D" <kennald@state.gov>, "Ciccone, Christine M" <CicconeCM@state.gov>, "Brown, Clinton S" <BrownCS@state.gov>, "Lempert, Yael" <LempertY@state.gov>, "LoGerfo, Gregory D" <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>, "Reynolds, Luke" <ReynoldsJL2@state.gov>
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Many thanks – thanks for connecting on this one.

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FYSA. There's a number of things in here. [redacted] Let's be in touch, including with D family.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From:	LoGerfo, Gregory D
Sent:	Monday, June 26, 2017 10:06 AM
To:	Cavendish, Georgiana
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From:	Chalmers, Jennifer A
Sent:	Monday, June 26, 2017 11:04 AM
To:	Mihailescu, Andrea R
Subject:	Automatic reply: DPRK sanctions coord

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I am out of the office, back 6/27. For urgent matters, please email Chase Weiland at weilandca@state.gov.

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Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
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Ambassador Jones, Thank you for this heads up. Would NEA please convert the options paper and points below into an Action Memo for the Secretary's timely review and decision. Thanks, Tad

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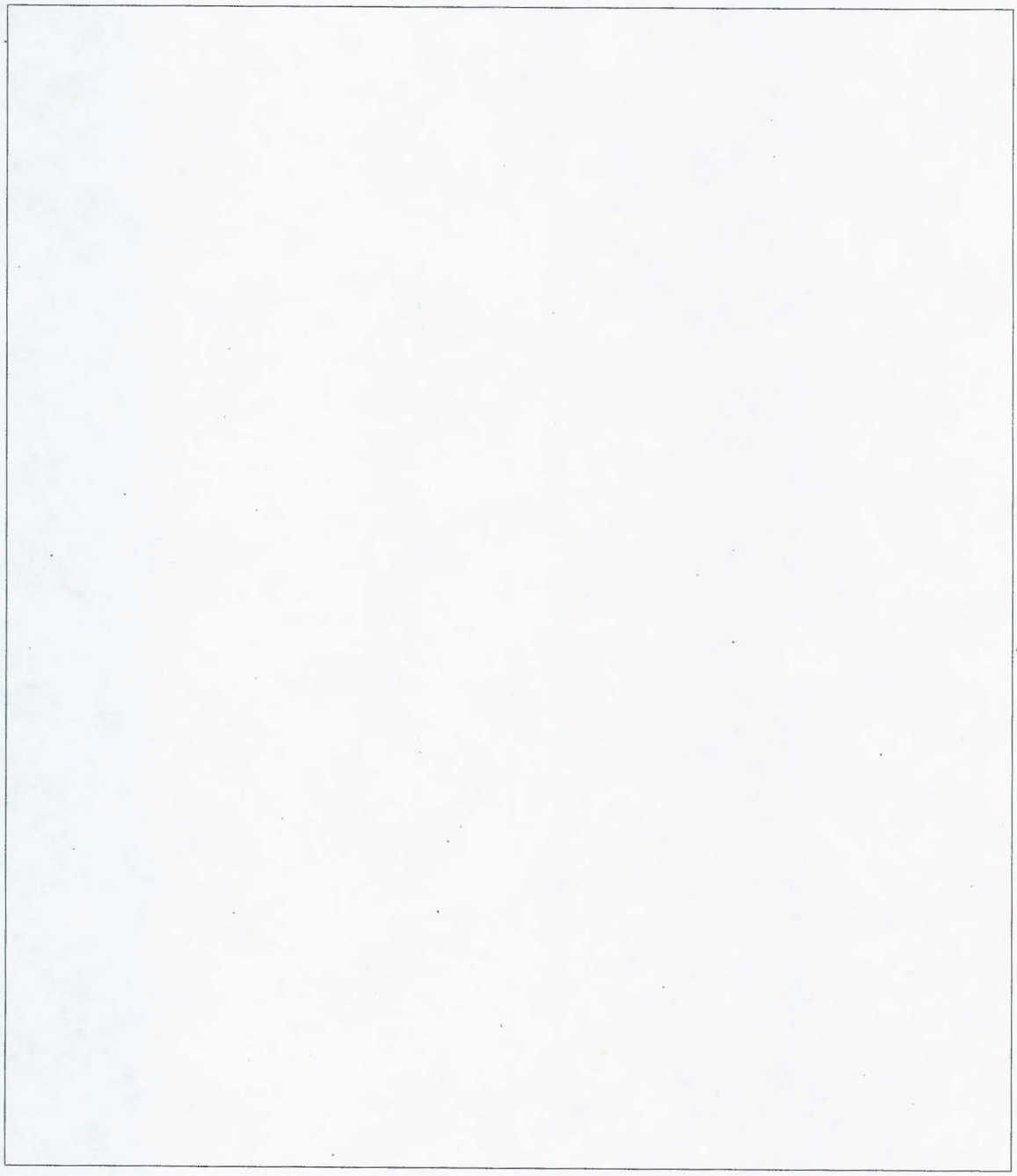
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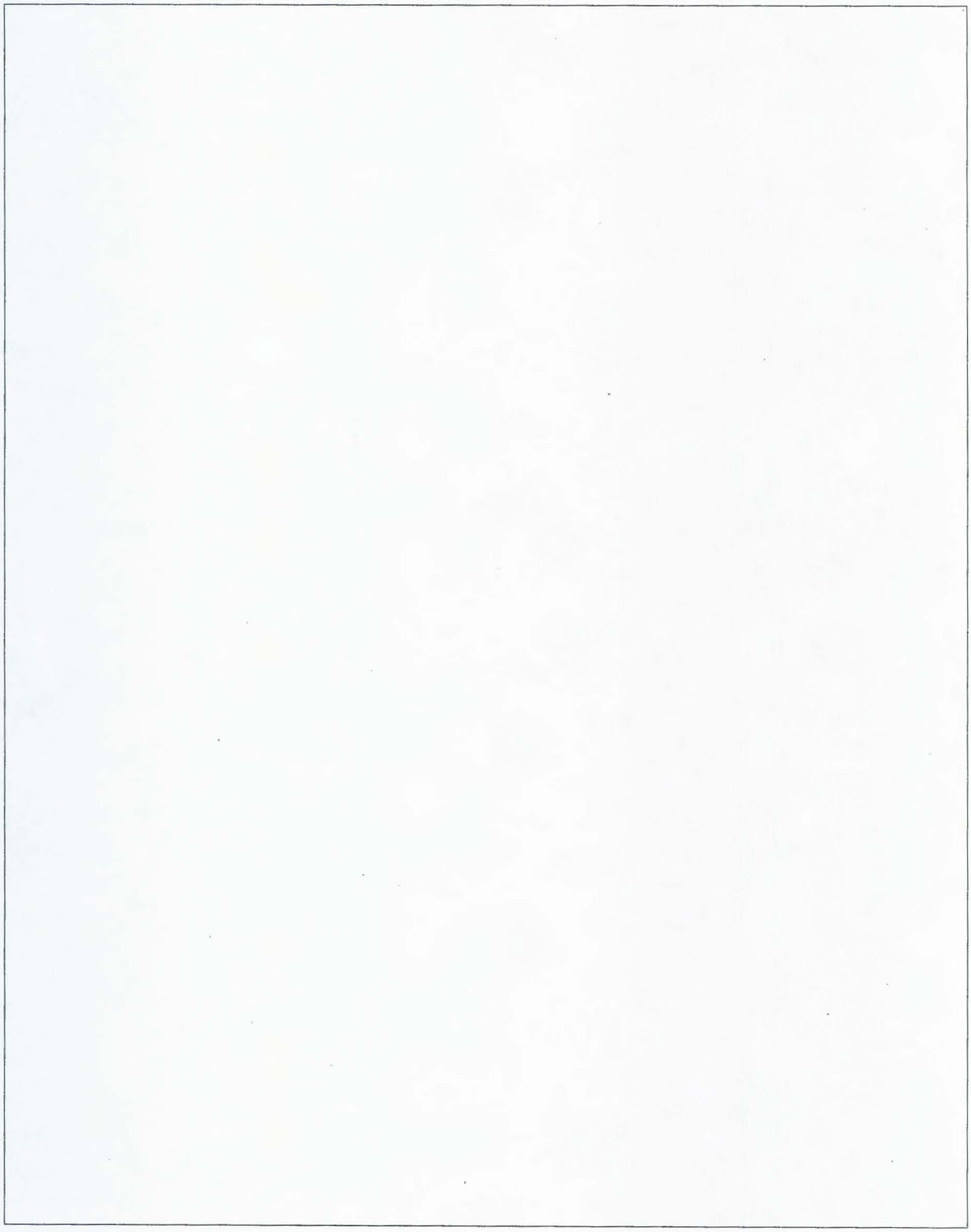
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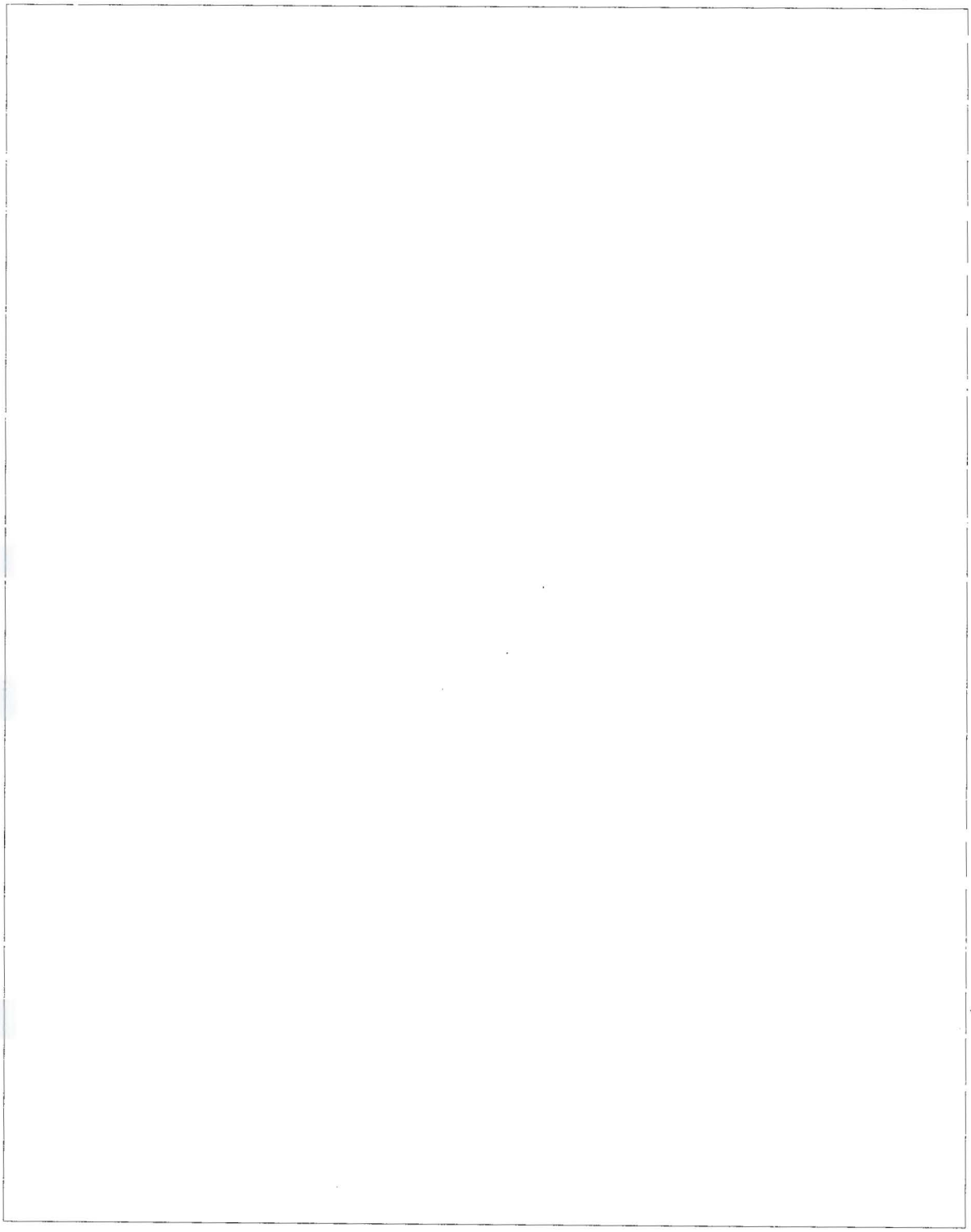


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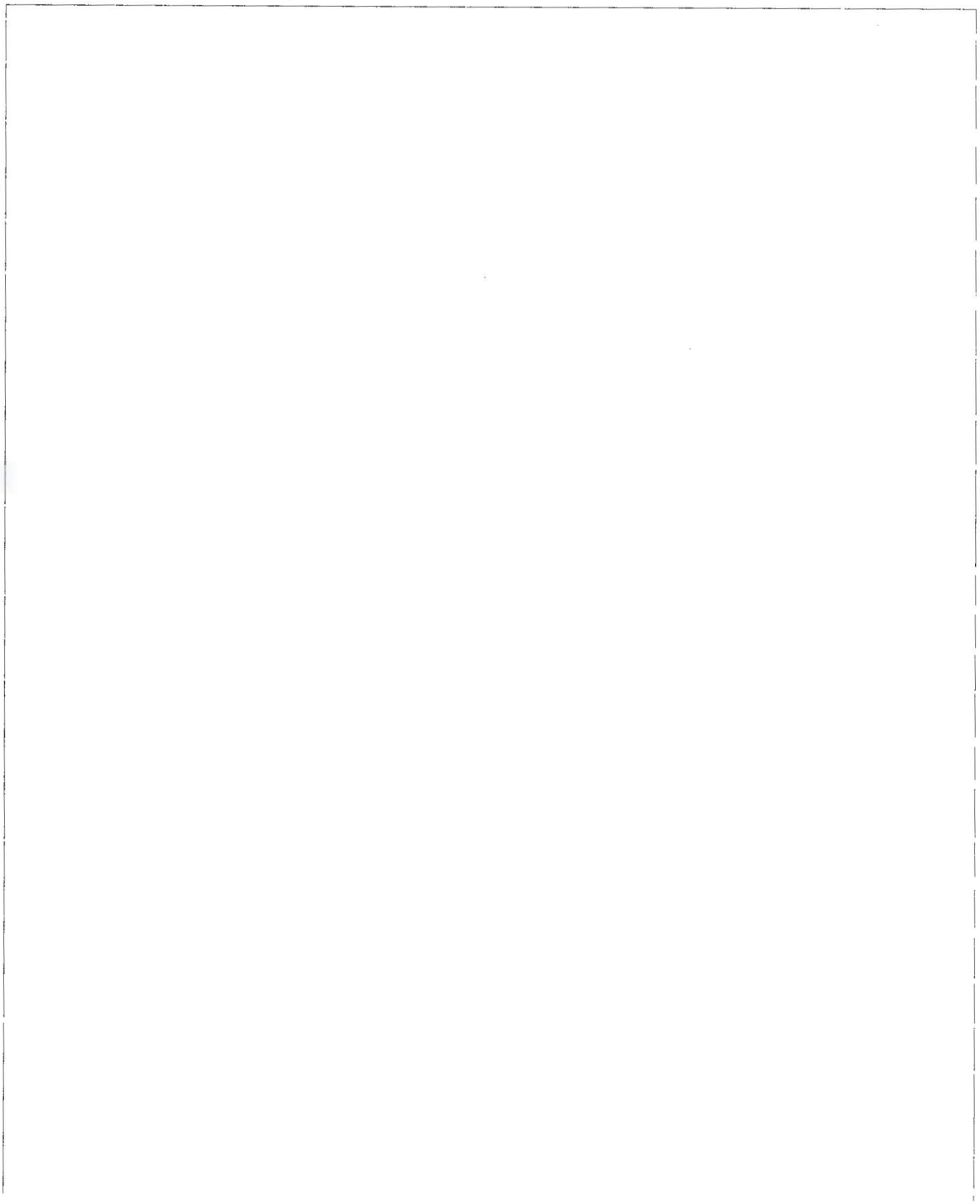


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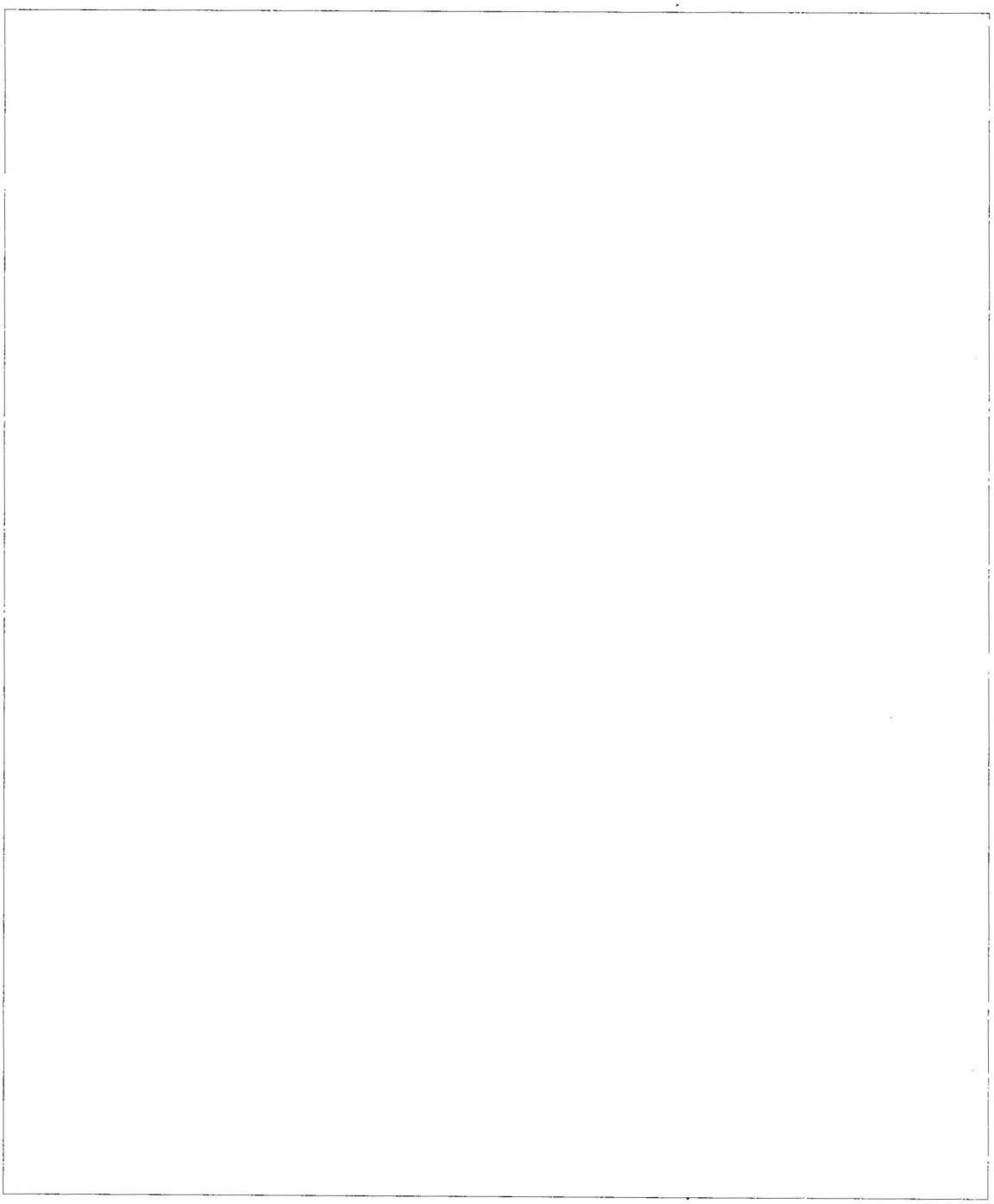
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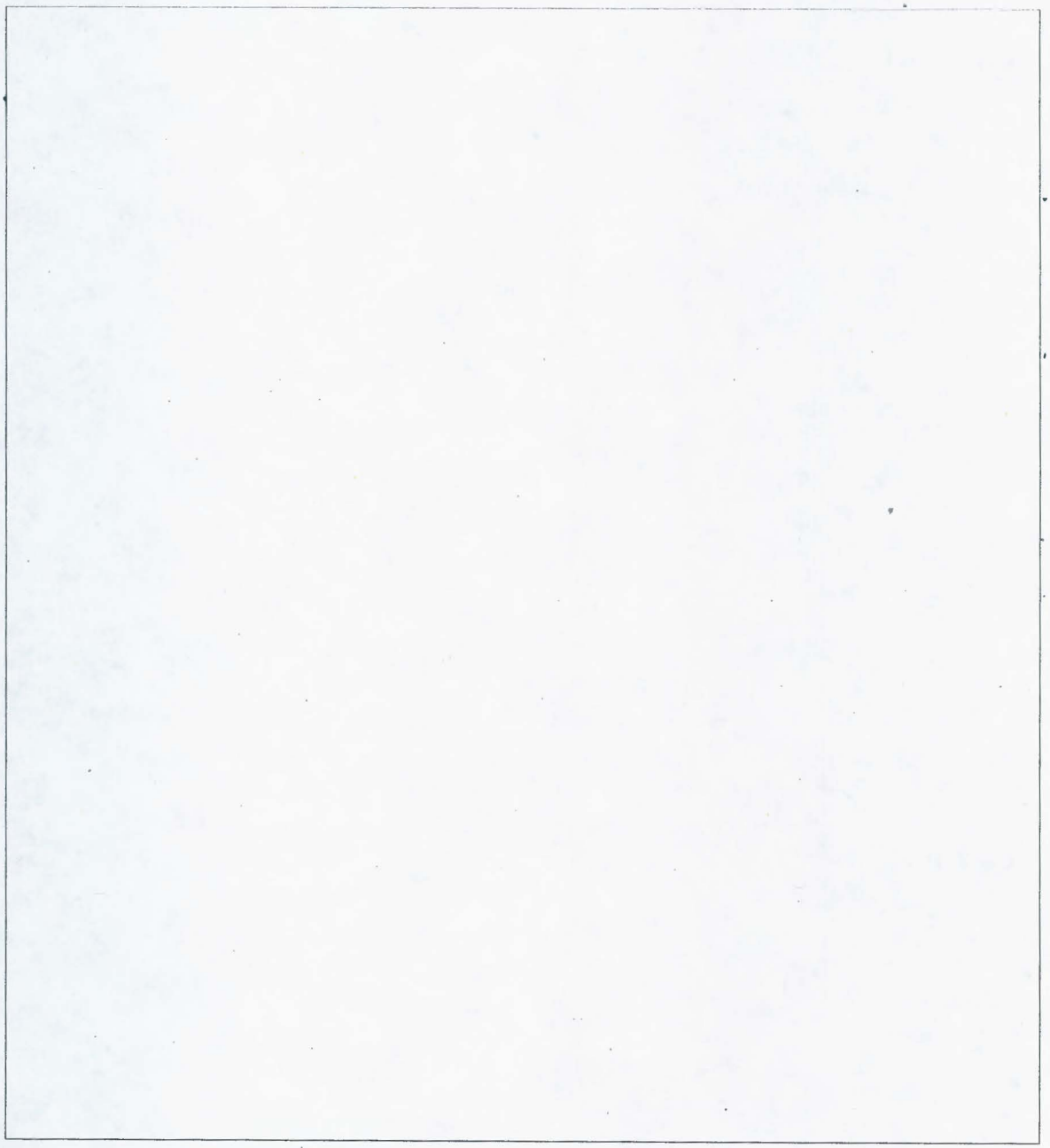


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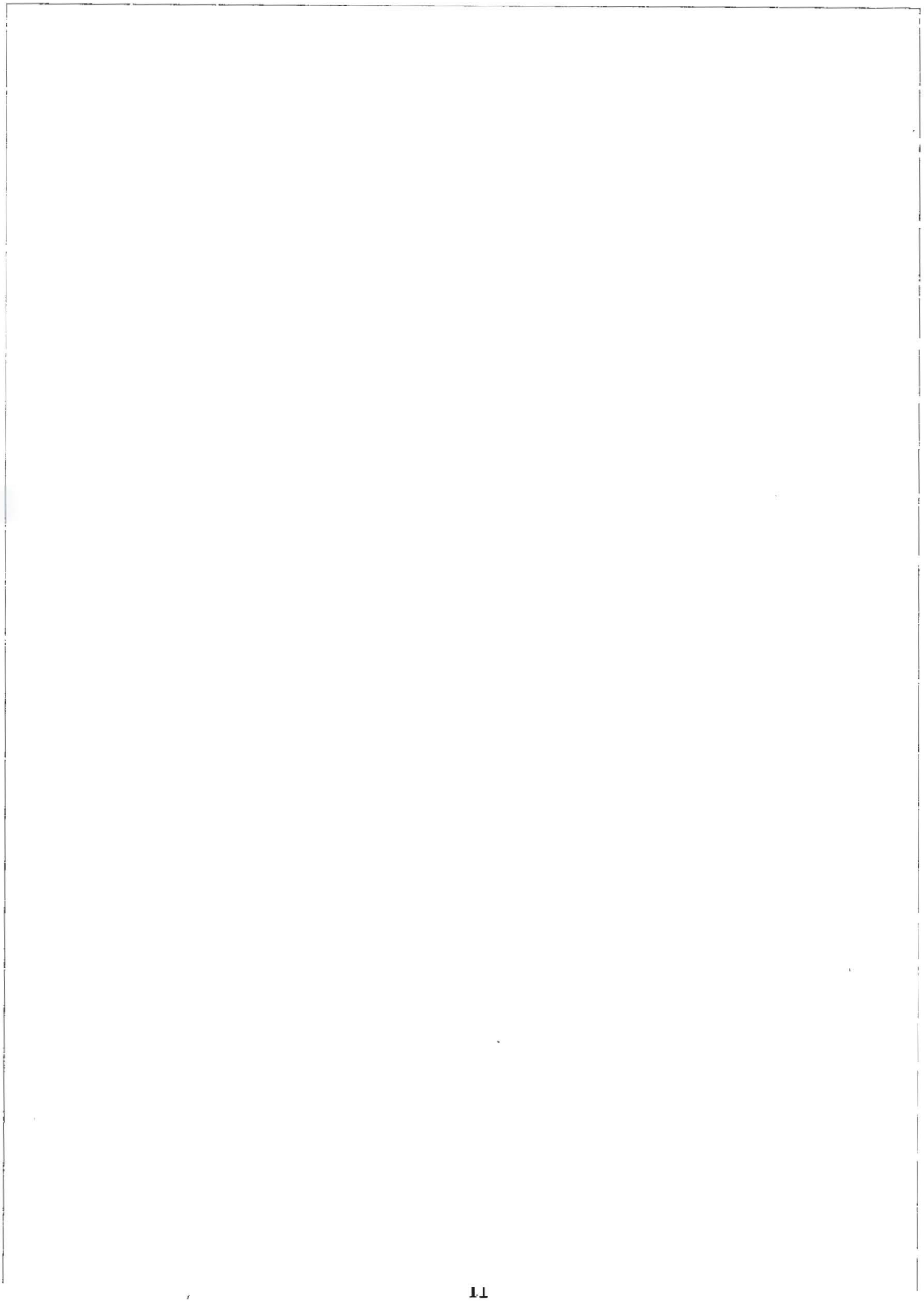
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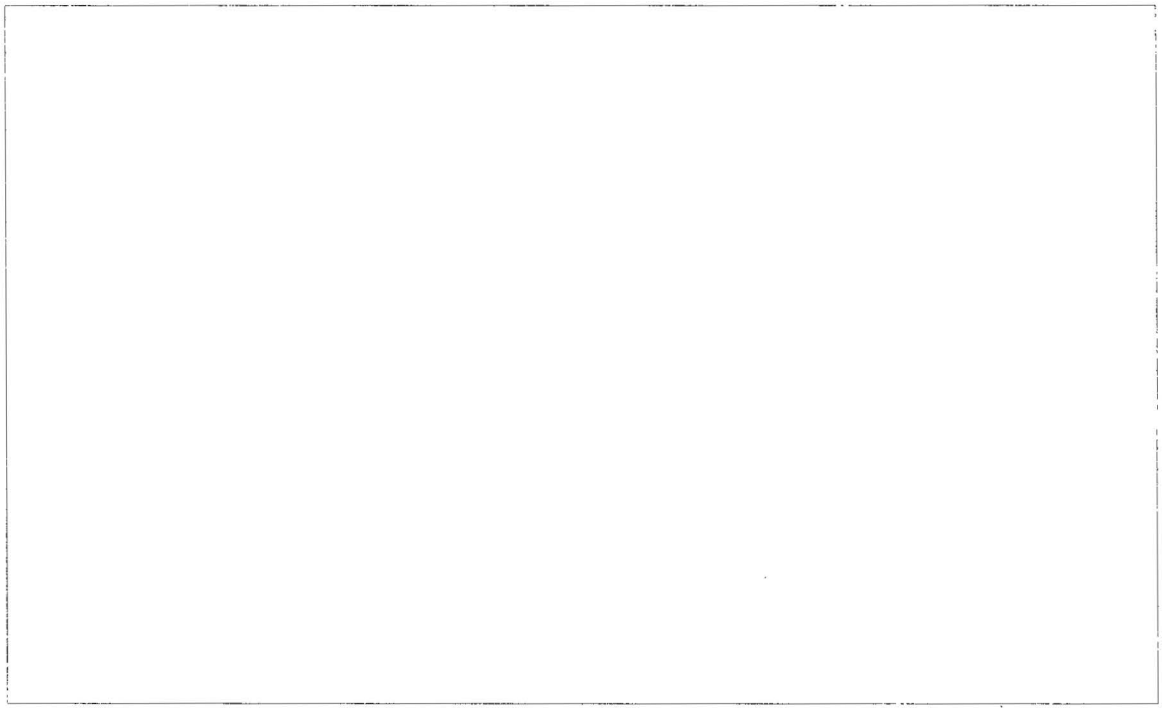
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To: Nutt, Katie M; Wilezol, David C
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Williams, Meredith B; Brown, Clinton S; Eng, Emily E (S)
Subject: RE: S Remarks for TIP Report Launch
Attachments: 06.27.17. Remarks. TIP Report Launch Updated - Final..docx

Hi Katie – please find latest version attached for the book.

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Thanks so much.

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From: Nutt, Katie M
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Wilezol, David C <WilezolDC@state.gov>; Barnes, Riley M <BarnesRM@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: RE: S Remarks for TIP Report Launch

Thanks, guys. And as I said to David on the phone, it would be best to have anything to us by 2pm today (book closing early because of Modi mtg schedule).

Thanks!
Katie

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From: Wilezol, David C
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Barnes, Riley M <BarnesRM@state.gov>; Nutt, Katie M <NuttKM@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: RE: S Remarks for TIP Report Launch

What time is the book closing today?

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Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: RE: S Remarks for TIP Report Launch

Hi Katie – we don't expect additional edits except for any that may come from S. And we're standing by for those!

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Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: RE: S Remarks for TIP Report Launch

Riley,

Do you think the TIP remarks are likely to be edited any further? [I'm building S' book today.]

Thanks!
Katie

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From: Nutt, Katie M
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Barnes, Riley M <BarnesRM@state.gov>
Subject: RE: S Remarks for TIP Report Launch

Sure thing, Riley!

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From: Barnes, Riley M
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Nutt, Katie M <NuttKM@state.gov>
Subject: RE: S Remarks for TIP Report Launch

Thanks Katie!

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Subject: RE: S Remarks for TIP Report Launch

Thanks, Riley. We'll add this to the book he's taking with him.

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Thanks!
Katie

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Subject: S Remarks for TIP Report Launch

All –

Most current draft is attached to book for S.

Thanks.
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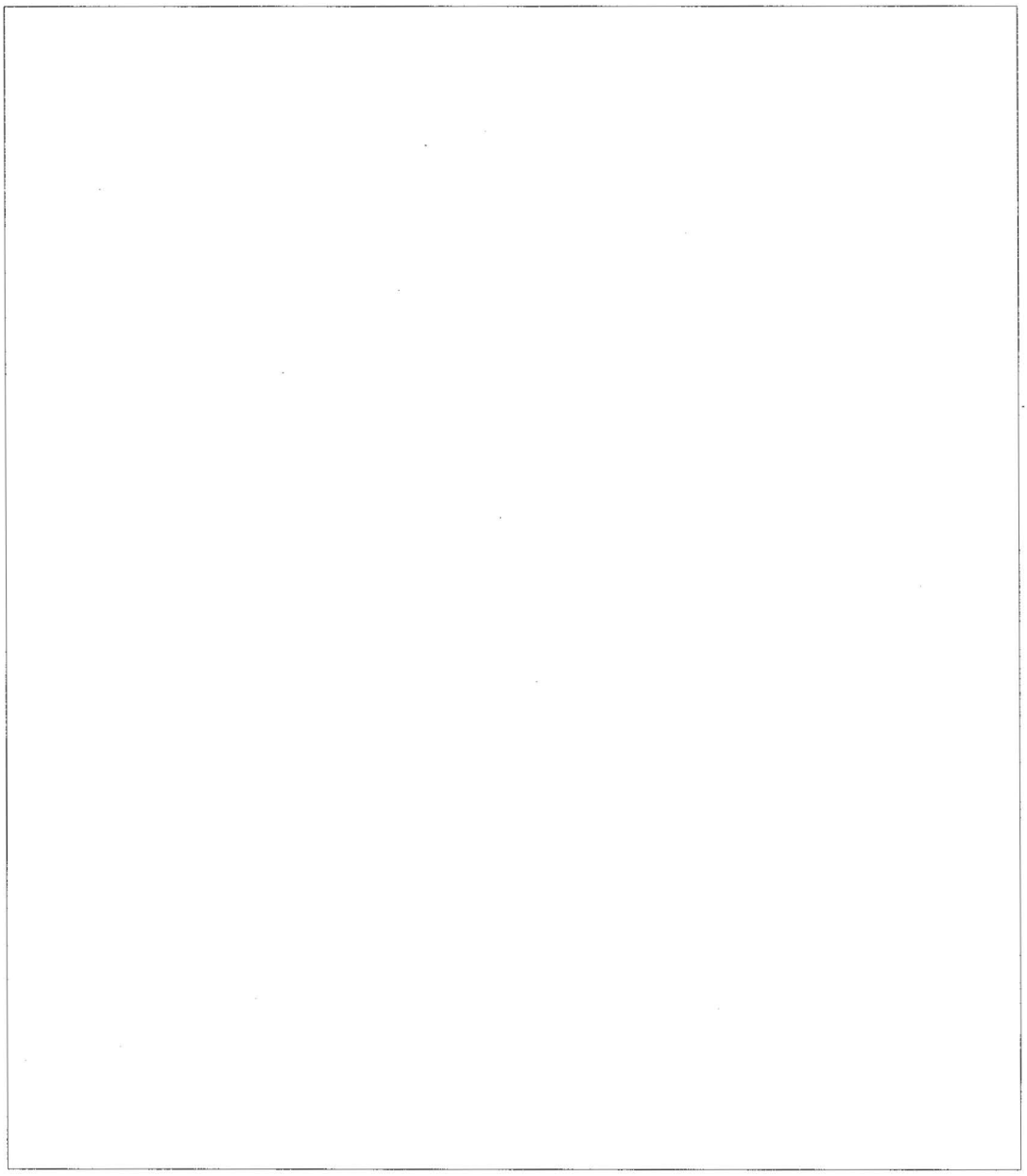
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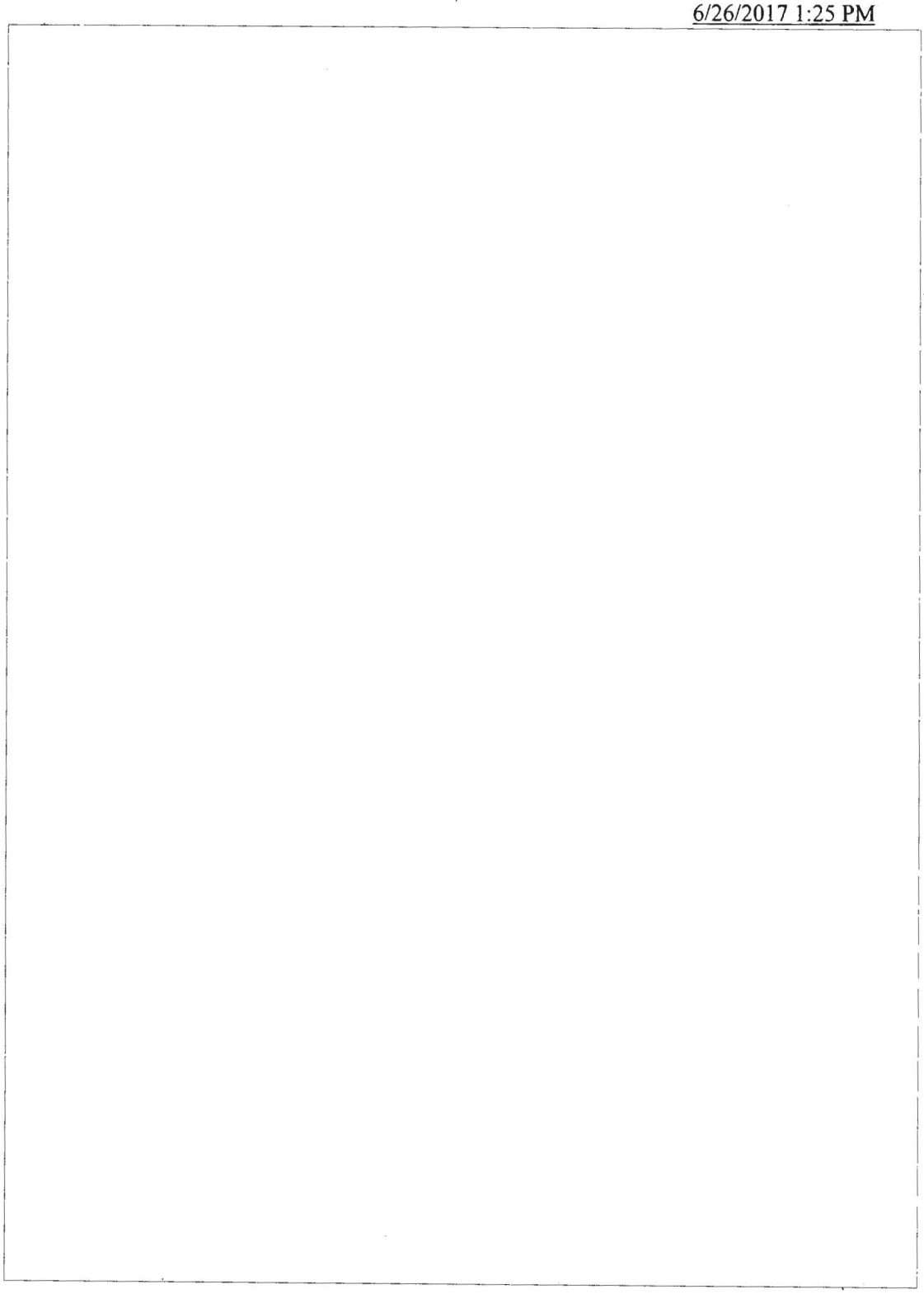
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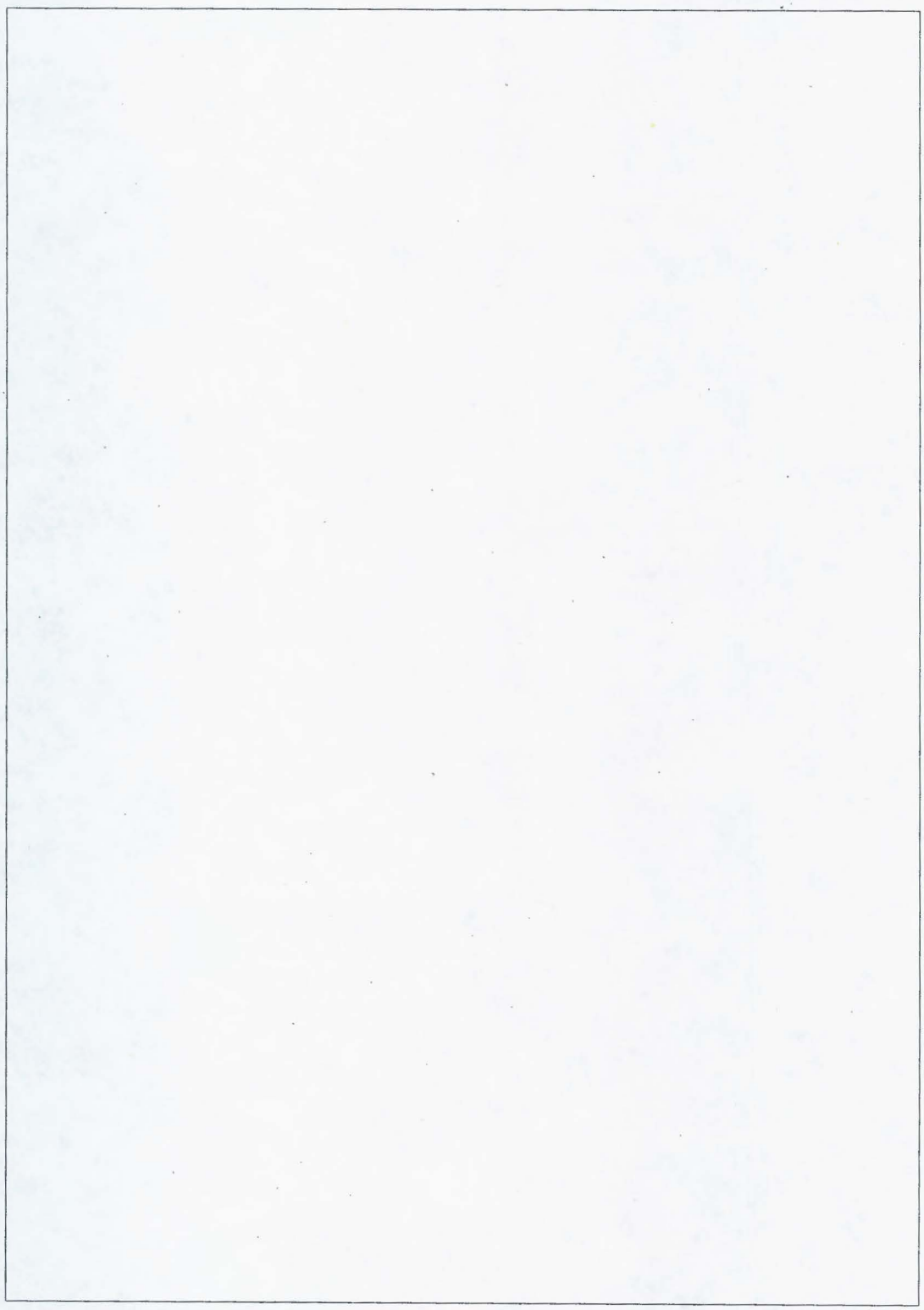
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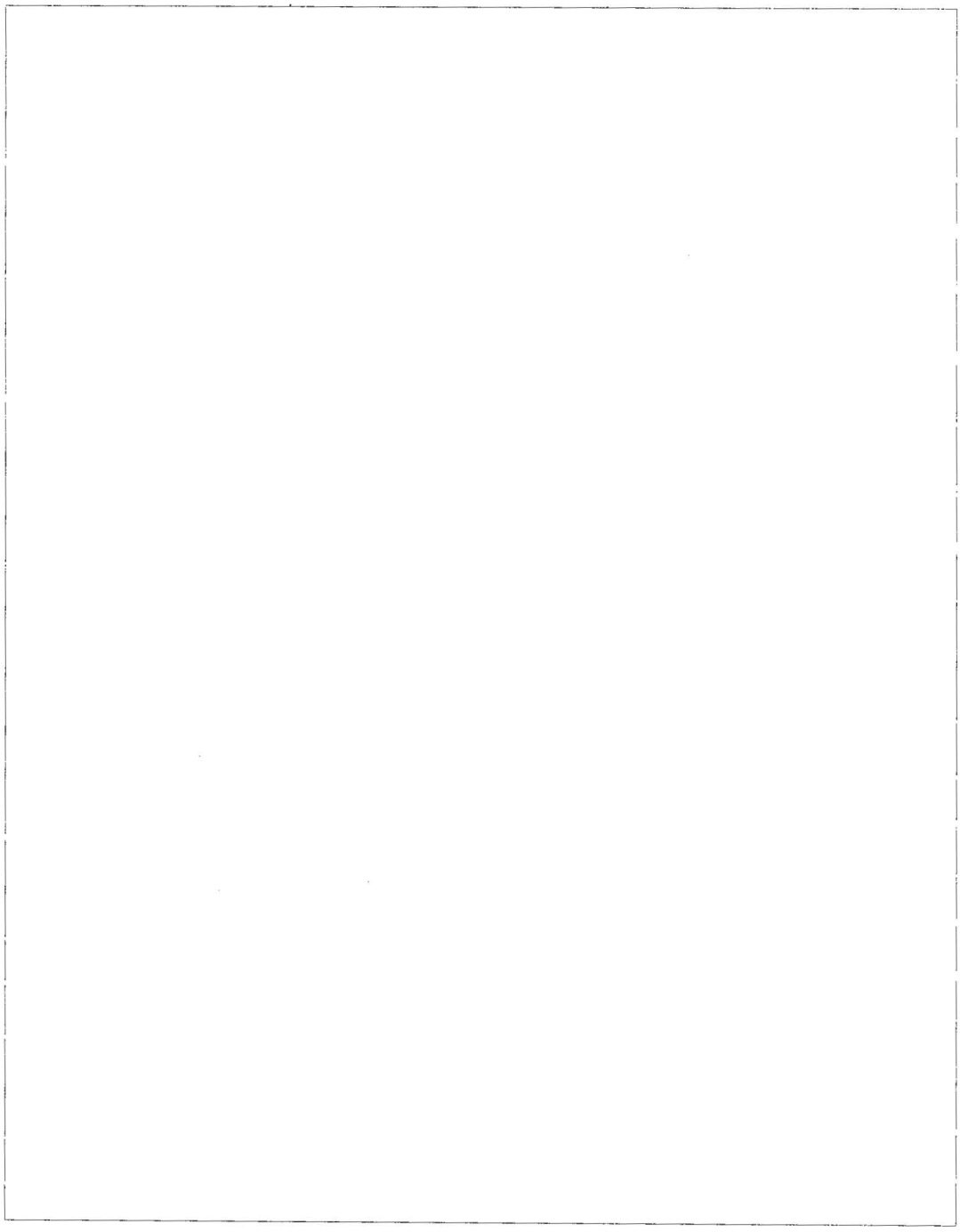


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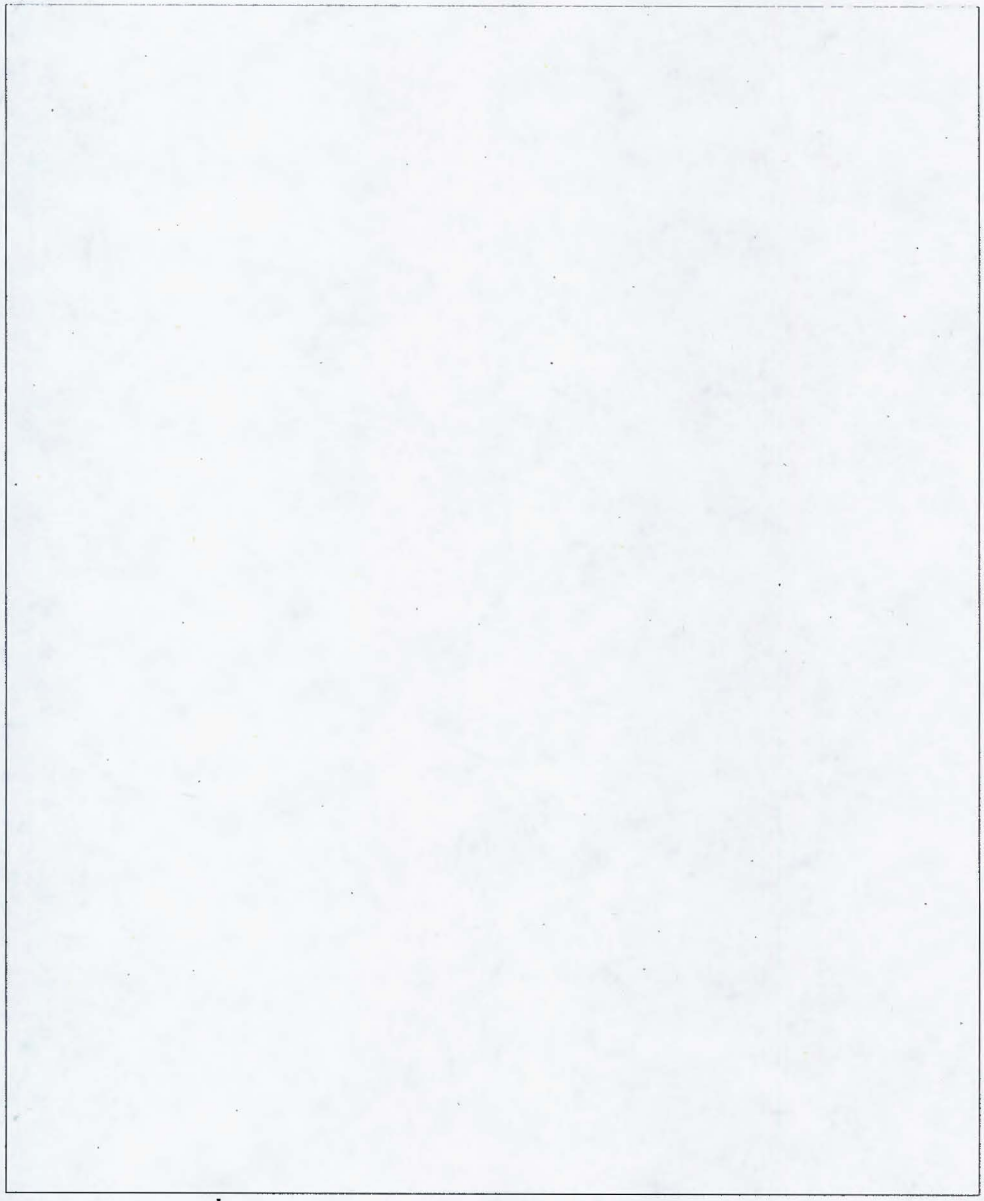


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Media Reporting of Otto Warmbier's Funeral

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CNN: Otto Warmbier funeral: 2,500 celebrate kid who would've 'set the world on fire'
June 22 at 2:26 PM ET

Wyoming, Ohio – After the bagpiper led 2,500 mourners out of the high school but before Otto Warmbier was laid to rest Thursday, one of his former counselors stopped to remember the 22-year-old who died last week after 17 months of detention in North Korea.

The tight-knit community near Cincinnati had spent nearly a year and a half "holding our breaths, praying for a quick release, rallying around the Warmbiers as much as possible" amid a dearth of information about the college student's fate, said Cynthia Meis, director of college counseling, who joined the Wyoming High School faculty in 2012.

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Warmbier's alma mater was packed Thursday, as the community came to terms with its sorrow over his death -- and celebrated what Meis described as his rare combination of intelligence, affability and sincerity.

"He was going to set the world on fire, which is why this loss is so profound," she told CNN.

Andrew Kraner, 25, who knew Warmbier from school and swimming "up the hill at the YMCA," said the 45-minute funeral service featured a blend of serious and lighthearted moments -- which "really spoke to Otto's character." Despite the uplifting celebration of his ex-classmate's life, Kraner lamented "a very bright future that we'll never know."

"Everything they say about Otto is very true. He was the nicest kid," he said. "It's tough, and my heart's very heavy for him."

A town rallies

Wyoming High's arts center can hold only 800 people, nowhere near large enough to accommodate those wishing to bid Warmbier farewell. Most attendees watched the service on monitors in overflow rooms.

Inside the arts center, mourners were met with a display of belongings Warmbier took with him on what was supposed to be a five-day excursion to North Korea. They included his wallet, running and boat shoes, a University of Virginia notebook, a scientific calculator, a reusable grocery bag and the crumpled linen blazer he wore while there.

Among the speakers at the funeral were Warmbier's brother, Austin, his sister, Greta, and some of his friends, according to the funeral program. Also in attendance was US Ambassador Joseph Yun, the special representative for North Korea policy, who helped secure Warmbier's release.

The front of the funeral program featured a quote from Warmbier's 2013 salutatorian speech: "This is our season finale. This is the end of one great show, but just the beginning to hundreds of new spinoffs."

Following the service, funeral organizers asked supporters to line the 3-mile trek between the school and the cemetery where Warmbier was buried. On campus and around the school, ribbons of blue and white -- Wyoming High School's colors -- adorned trees to honor Warmbier.

Warmbier returned to the United States last week in a coma, only to die six days after his arrival. North Korean officials say Warmbier contracted botulism and slipped into a coma after taking a sleeping pill.

His official cause of death is unknown, as his parents declined to have an autopsy conducted on their son.

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"It would be easy at a moment like this to focus on all that we lost -- future time that won't be spent with a warm, engaging, brilliant young man whose curiosity and enthusiasm for life knew no bounds," Fred and Cindy Warmbier said in a statement.

"We choose to focus on the time we were given to be with this remarkable person. You can tell from the outpouring of emotion from the communities that he touched -- Wyoming, Ohio, and the University of Virginia to name just two -- that the love for Otto went well beyond his immediate family."

Attendee D'Shon Shapiro told CNN that she and a friend, Molly Cain, know Warmbier's parents from youth sports. Otto Warmbier coached Cain's son in swimming and "made a great impression on him," she said.

"They truly are remarkable people, having raised remarkable kids," Shapiro said of Warmbier's parents.

Shapiro and Cain set up a fund-raiser on Facebook for the Warmbiers, with hopes of raising enough money to buy a memorial bench and to plant a tree at the young man's alma mater.

"With $10,500 raised so far, we're out of our element," Shapiro said. "What we insist on, though, is that Fred and Cindy make the decision on how to use the funds to best memorialize Otto."

Warmbier visited North Korea in January 2016 on a sightseeing tour. He was arrested for allegedly stealing a political sign from a restricted area and sentenced two months later to 15 years of hard labor.

President Donald Trump's administration worked to secure his return, and upon doing so, learned Warmbier could not speak or move voluntarily. His doctors said he suffered extensive brain damage.

His physicians said he suffered from unresponsive wakefulness, a condition also known as persistent vegetative state. In a news conference before Warmbier's death, they said they found no evidence of botulism, casting doubt on North Korea's claim.

"This pattern of brain injury is usually seen as result of cardiopulmonary arrest where blood supply to the brain is inadequate for a period of time, resulting in the death of brain tissue," Dr. Daniel Kanter said last week.

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, in remarks to reporters before the funeral, said he and his wife had spent Warmbier's 22nd birthday in December with the detained young man's parents. He described Warmbier as outgoing, athletic, bright and curious.

The senator accused North Korea of a "disregard for basic human rights, basic human dignity." He said he suspected Warmbier was denied basic medical care while detained in the reclusive country.

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"Yes, they are responsible," Portman said of the North Korean regime. "This college kid never should've been detained in the first place."

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office conducted only an external examination Warmbier's body. The coroner's office reviewed medical records from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and the air ambulance service that helped ferry Warmbier from Pyongyang to Cincinnati.

"No conclusions about the cause and manner of Mr. Warmbier's death have been drawn at this time as there are additional medical records and imaging to review and people to interview," the coroner's office statement said.

Washington Post: 'Let's bring it in': Otto Warmbier's family and friends celebrate his life at memorial

By Susan Svrluga
June 22 at 8:21 PM

WYOMING, Ohio — Families wearing blue and white Wyoming T-shirts, holding homemade cardboard signs and American flags, waited by the edge of the main street for Otto Warmbier's funeral procession to drive by. As the memorial attended by thousands at the town's high school ended, people in black dresses and dark suits joined those along the street.

Many were hugging; the ceremony, a celebration of Warmbier's life, had been funny and eloquent, much like the 22-year-old University of Virginia student who was beloved in this small suburb of Cincinnati and far beyond.

Friends and family shared memories of, as one put it, "this inspiring goofball of a man," and the essential lessons they had learned from him: Work hard, explore everything, love people, think deeply and laugh easily. And don't shake hands with a stranger — Warmbier would grab people for a tight embrace, instead, saying, "Let's bring it in. Hug it out."

His little sister Greta Warmbier remembered barreling down the road with him in his silver Chevy Impala, with blue dice and a fuzzy steering-wheel cover, windows down, singing Cee Lo Green's "Forget You" at the top of their lungs. Her oldest brother loved funny movies, she said, but she chose a line from chick flick to sum up his life cut so very short: I'd rather have 30 minutes of wonderful than a lifetime of nothing special.

Last week, when Warmbier finally came home, people tied ribbons to the trees that arch over the main street here and to the wooden street signs hanging from wrought-iron scrolls. Otto Warmbier had been imprisoned in North Korea for nearly a year and a half. People had been praying for his release. But he returned in a coma, medically evacuated, so the close-knit community sought, without words, to convey how much they felt.

He died Monday, surrounded by family.

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Internationally, his death reverberated. Several national leaders called it murder. President Trump called it a disgrace. It worsened already-raw tensions between the United States and North Korea.

At home, it brought people together.

By 7 a.m. Thursday, young people were stepping through the wet grass to gather outside Wyoming High School, where Warmbier gave a joyful graduation speech as salutatorian four years ago. His speech quoted a character on "The Office": "I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them."

Thousands of people came Thursday to celebrate Otto Warmbier, together, and to hold onto the good old days.

The surge of people in black, walking on streets so quiet the birds sounded loud, was one sign of that love.

Shortly before 9 a.m., there were still hundreds of people in line, and officials began warning them not everyone would be able to get in. The high school had capacity for 2,500 people.

The ribbons were another. Volunteers had gone well past the center of this city of 8,400 people, far beyond the large Victorian houses, stone churches and graceful old trees, to ensure that the ribbons in Wyoming City Schools colors fluttered all along the route from the high school to the iron gates of the cemetery.

There were other signs of love: Pops of orange, for one, a sign that friends from the U-Va. had arrived. And flashes of oddball, as people wore the kinds of thrift-store finds that made him laugh.

It was there in the thoughtfulness of a handwritten sign in the driveway of a house very close to the memorial service: Please park here.

It was there in a Wyoming park, where a man bounced a baby, beaming, over his head, and two boys dropped a baseball glove and a scooter and sprawled onto the grass by a flagpole.

The American flag, just overhead, was flying at half-staff.

"I think today we're seeing good and evil all at once," said Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio), who came to the ceremony along with other national leaders. The good was people holding one another close. The evil was just as palpable.

"Otto Warmbier is dead because of North Korea," he said.

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Inside the school, people looked at a table covered with Warmbier's belongings from the trip; a passport, sneakers, quirky thrift-store shirts. There were far too many people to fit in the auditorium; many pressed close on bleachers in the gym, or elsewhere.

Rabbi Jake Rubin paused after a prayer, to say that Fred and Cindy Warmbier wanted to give special thanks to Joseph Yun, a State Department official who played a key role in getting Warmbier out of North Korea. People stood to applaud him.

Rubin talked about Warmbier's growing Jewish faith, strengthened on a trip with him and others at U-Va. to Israel. He chose the name Amit, Rubin said — fitting for someone who valued friendship so much.

Several friends and family members laughed as they talked about Warmbier: how he was a hugger; a sweater; a guy who would drag you to the dustiest, crustiest old thrift store; how often his roommates awakened to the sound of Warmbier singing, off pitch, underground rap.

Emmett Saulnier, one of his roommates at U-Va., remembered traveling the world and how Warmbier would always return from a trip, whether a summer at the London School of Economics or a trip to Cuba with his mother, glowing from the adventure of it all. He had waited 18 months, he said, to hear what he thought would be the craziest travel story ever.

Sanjana Sekhar had just read Jack Kerouac when she met him through a prestigious U-Va. scholarship for the most intellectually curious students. She thought of this line: "The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars and in the middle you see the blue centerlight pop and everybody goes 'Awww!' "

"Otto was a fabulous yellow Roman candle kind of person," she said. She spoke fondly of his empathy, and their endless talks in the hall outside his door, on long drives, in the garage of his fraternity. He pushed her to be better, to question more, to give everyone in life a chance.

"I look forward to every moment of pure unfiltered life the future holds," she said. "To never yawn, or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn. That is his legacy."

Some had driven to Wyoming straight from Charlottesville, where 600 people had gathered for a candlelight vigil the day after his death. There, a professor spoke of the Jewish prayer for mourners, its emphasis not on death and loss but the abiding presence of God. "There are mysteries we cannot fathom," he said. As candles glowed in the amphitheater around them, friends talked about his brilliance, his adventurousness, his boundless joy, his faith in connection.

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Alex Vagonis, his girlfriend at U-Va., said they would get through the horror of his death; to do otherwise would be an injustice to Warmbier, "since he always wanted to see others fly."

Sarah Kenny, a student leader who organized the vigil, said she was surprised that people didn't seem more angry, more vindictive about his death. "I am incredulous that after going through something so traumatic, they could be that hopeful," she said, "and just — full of love."

Warmbier was a junior at U-Va., headed for a career in finance, when he went to North Korea with a tour group on the way to a study-abroad program in Hong Kong. He was not allowed to leave the country. He was charged with "hostile acts against the state," and given a 15-year sentence after a sham trial.

His parents had no word of him after March 2, 2016, until earlier this month, when North Korean officials disclosed that he was in a coma, and had been for more than a year.

So after his death Monday, people pulled in close, flying in from across the country, or walking from home down the street, to celebrate Warmbier.

Austin Warmbier, his younger brother, spoke last. He graciously thanked everyone for their support, then said: Enough with the formalities. Can you imagine how miserable Otto made my life?

He laughed about trying to follow in the footsteps of an older brother who was always on time, had perfect grades, was great at sports and incredibly popular. And he talked about how much he had learned from him, about setting goals, about discipline, about how you don't win the most friends by being the coolest, the most judgmental.

His brother missed his high school graduation, he said. He won't be best man at his wedding. His kids will never have an Uncle Otto.

But Otto Warmbier indelibly made him who he is, he said, just as he had shaped so many people there. "That's why we will never truly lose him."

Behind him, a video of Warmbier played, shot not long before he was supposed to fly out of North Korea. He was with his tour group and some North Korean children, throwing snowballs, and laughing with pure delight.

A bagpipe began to play.

Otto Warmbier's casket was carried out, and driven through streets lined with friends, and loving strangers, to the cemetery.

After the burial, the Warmbiers had invited everyone — all of Wyoming, U-Va. friends, doctors, dignitaries — over to their house. Bring it in. Hug it out.

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Fox: Around 2,000 gather to celebrate life of student who died after North Korea detainment

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A crowd of roughly 2,000 people filled a high school auditorium to capacity Friday in Otto Warmbier's hometown to celebrate the life of the student who died earlier this week after being detained for a nearly a year and a half in North Korea, sharing stories about his affinity for hugs, thrift-store clothes-shopping and little-known rap music.

"It doesn't really feel real yet. He's so young, and he's been gone for so long," said Grady Beerck, 22, a former soccer teammate, told The Associated Press. "The impact he made is always going to last with people."

Around 2,000 mourners arrived at the morning memorial service for Warmbier held in the auditorium of his alma mater, Wyoming High School. The memorial is open to the public, but not the media. Around 100 people were turned away, The Associated Press reported.

More mourners lined the street, with some holding signs of support and pressing the tips of their thumbs together to form a "W," as a hearse carried away the casket after service.

It was his life that held mourners' attention Thursday as they fondly remembered a spirited student-athlete who was socially magnetic and had a positive impact on the people around him, whether it was in class, at a swim club or in his travels.

"Didn't matter what time of day or what he was doing, he'd drop everything to help his friends," Beerck said. "He was a goofy kid. He always just lived life to the fullest."

They heard stories about his life, rap music he listened to and his habit of shopping for sweaters at thrift stores. A bagpiper played as the casket was carried to a hearse.

Cynthia Meis, his college admissions counselor from high school, said she admires the strength displayed by Warmbier's parents in the face of such loss and the glare of international media attention.

"The world stage is secondary to the fact that they've lost their child," she said, "and I think we can all certainly appreciate that."

His former soccer coach, Steve Thomas, said Warmbier came from a religious family and was involved in mission trips and a birthright trip to Israel. "He had a deep desire to know God in a personal way," Thomas said. "He wasn't big on doing things because he was supposed to do it. He did things because he wanted to do them."

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A handout for the funeral featured a photo of Warmbier posing next to his mother and included a quote from his salutatorian speech in 2013: "This is our season finale. This is the end of one great show, but just the beginning to hundreds of new spin-offs."

The attendees included Ambassador Joseph Yun, the U.S. special envoy who traveled to Pyongyang to bring Warmbier back, and U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, a Republican from the Cincinnati area.

"This process has been an example of evil and love and good," Portman told reporters outside the service, Fox 19 reported. "This community and country have come together who are holding this family up in prayer."

He added: "We have also seen evil. He should've never been detained. The North Koreans need to be held accountable for that. They have demonstrated that they have no respect for the rule of law and they showed a lack of respect for basic human dignity and rights. The fact that they didn't tell his parents after he became ill is atrocious. Today is not a day to only focus on that."

At a candlelight vigil Tuesday on the University of Virginia campus, Warmbier's girlfriend at the time of his detention described the loss of a soul mate. Alex Vagonis said she drew some peace from knowing Warmbier got home to Ohio before his death.

Warmbier's family objected to an autopsy, so the Hamilton County coroner's office conducted only an external examination of his body. Medical records have been reviewed, and his condition was discussed extensively by treating physicians at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, where he was hospitalized after his June 13 return.

Warmbier's parents cited "awful, torturous mistreatment" by North Korea. Doctors last week said he suffered a "severe neurological injury" of unknown cause.

He was sentenced in March 2016 to 15 years in prison with hard labor. His family said it was told he had been in a coma since soon after his sentencing.

He is the first American to die after being released from North Korean custody in half a century.

New York Post: Hundreds gather for Otto Warmbier's funeral
Gabrielle Fonrouge
June 22 at 10:32 AM

WYOMING, Ohio — North Korea killed him, and on Thursday morning, his hometown mourned and buried him.

Otto Warmbier — the 22-year-old University of Virginia student who was fatally injured while in the custody of the rogue state — was laid to rest in a ceremony that included projections of photos from his final days touring in Pyongyang in 2015.

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He died Monday at a Cincinnati hospital, days after he was returned to this country.

Throngs of tearful, black-clad mourners turned out for the funeral at his former high school, Wyoming High School, in a suburb just north of Cincinnati, where four years ago, Warmbier gave a heartfelt salutatorian speech before his graduating class.

Warmbier sustained severe brain damage and fell into a coma in a North Korean prison soon after being sentenced to 15 years of hard labor for stealing a propaganda banner.

More than 2,000 mourners packed the school's auditorium for the 9 a.m. service in which Warmbier's brother, Austin, his sister, Greta, his girlfriend and close pals eulogized him.

A pile of Warmbier's clothes and school supplies, including a graphic calculator, were on display as mourners filed into the building.

"It doesn't matter where he was or what he was doing, he was always there for you whenever you needed him," Austin said of his older brother before the sea of mourners.

"Otto was the most popular, well-liked person I've ever met," Austin said, adding, "He could make a friend out of anyone, it doesn't matter who it was."

Austin said that it was "hard following in Otto's footsteps."

"He had a perfect GPA, was the captain of the soccer team," Austin said.

"When I used to get in trouble with my parents, Otto would call them from Charlottesville and try to convince them I wasn't the horrible child they thought I was," said Austin, causing mourners to chuckle.

Warmbier's longtime girlfriend Alex Vagonis said: "It was not just my life he made more colorful, but everyone else's."

"Every person who had the privilege of interacting with him, even just momentarily, saw the magnetic effect he had," she said. "I cannot [express] how lucky I am, how lucky we all are to have shared our lives and experiences with this inspiring goofball of a man."

Rabbi Jake Rubin, who took Warmbier on a birthright trip to Israel with his fraternity brothers, called Warmbier "one of the most intellectually curious people I've ever met" in a speech.

During his visit to North Korea with a China-based tour company, Warmbier was convicted after a one-hour trial in January 2016.

Speaking earlier to reporters outside the funeral service, Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio) said, "Today is a solemn day, but it is also a day the Warmbier family would like to celebrate the life of a bright young man."

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"Today we are seeing good and evil all at once — the good, of course, is the support and the love this family is receiving the support from this community," said Portman, who added, "This college kid never should have been detained in the first place."

Portman called what happened to Warmbier in North Korea "appalling."

President Trump, who did not attend the funeral, has blasted Warmbier's detention and ultimate death as "a total disgrace."

Scores of mourners lined Springfield Pike for the funeral procession to Oak Hill Cemetery in Glendale, where Warmbier will be buried.

NPR: Mourners Remember Otto Warmbier At Hometown Funeral
June 22 at 6:00 PM ET

Throngs of mourners paid their final respects to Otto Warmbier Thursday at a public funeral at the high school he attended near Cincinnati. Just four years ago, Warmbier graduated from the school as the salutatorian.

The 22-year-old University of Virginia student was detained in North Korea for 17 months and died on Monday, shortly after he returned to the United States in a coma.

"It doesn't really feel real yet," his former soccer teammate Grady Beerck said, according to The Associated Press. "He's so young, and he's been gone for so long. The impact he made is always going to last with people."

Beerck described Warmbier as a "goofy kid" who would "drop anything to help his friends."

An estimated 2,000 people packed Wyoming High School, in Wyoming, Ohio, with more lining the streets, CNN reports. The service took place in the arts center, which could hold only 800 people, so many more watched on screens set up in overflow rooms.

Warmbier's brother, sister and friends spoke at the service, NPR member station WVXU in Cincinnati reports.

Inside the arts center, some of the personal items Warmbier took to North Korea were on display: a wallet, a University of Virginia notebook and the cream-colored linen blazer he wore there, CNN says.

Warmbier's North Korean trip was only supposed to be a five-day tour. But he was arrested in Pyongyang in January 2016 and, as we have reported, was accused of trying to steal a propaganda poster. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison and hard labor.

Warmbier was returned to the United States last week in a coma. North Korea said he had contracted botulism and that it was releasing him on "humanitarian grounds."

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But the doctors who examined him after his return disputed the botulism claim and said he had "extensive loss of tissue" in his brain.

Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, who had met with North Korean officials in New York to press for Warmbier's release, attended the funeral.

"North Korea needs to be held accountable for what happened to Otto Warmbier," Portman said. "They've shown through their treatment of Otto a disregard for basic human rights, for human dignity."

Portman said sanctions against North Korea should be tightened, WVXU reports.

As a hearse carried Warmbier's coffin away, some mourners held up their fingers in the shape of a "W," for his name, according to AP.

A Hamilton County Coroner has not yet determined Warmbier's cause of death. According to his family's wishes, no autopsy was performed. But a statement from the coroner said, "There are additional medical records and imaging to review and people to interview."

The Hill: State Department officials attend Otto Warmbier's funeral
June 22 at 2:45 PM EDT
By Rebecca Savransky

State Department officials attended the funeral of Otto Warmbier, the American student who died earlier this week after being held in North Korea for 17 months.

State Department officials at the funeral included Joseph Yun, the State Department's special representative for North Korea, and Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan, ABC News reported.

Hundreds of people lined up for the service in Ohio, which was open to the public but closed to the press, according to ABC.

Warmbier died Monday after being released last week from North Korea, where he had been held for about 17 months.

"It is our sad duty to report that our son, Otto Warmbier, has completed his journey home. Surrounded by his loving family, Otto died at 2:20pm," Warmbier's parents said in a statement Monday, according to an Ohio-based paper.

North Korea's high court had sentenced Warmbier, a student at the University of Virginia, to 15 years in prison with hard labor after he allegedly tried to steal a political poster.

Warmbier's parents said their son had been in a coma for more than a year before he was medically evacuated from North Korea.

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Earlier this week, President Trump said China has tried to help the United States solve increasing tensions with North Korea, but "it has not worked out."

White House press secretary Sean Spicer did not have a specific answer when asked at Tuesday's press briefing how the administration would respond to Warmbier's death.

ABC: American student who died after release from North Korea mourned at funeral
By Morgan Winsor
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Otto Warmbier, an American college student who died just days after North Korea released him from prison, was laid to rest in his hometown of Cincinnati on Thursday.

A funeral service was held Thursday morning at Wyoming High School in Wyoming, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati, where Warmbier was the salutatorian of his 2013 graduating class. The service was open to the public but closed to the press, according to a press release from the funeral home.

Hundreds of people were seen lined up outside the school's Pendery Center for the Arts, waiting to enter the auditorium for the service. Joseph Yun, the State Department's special representative for North Korea, and Deputy Secretary of State Joseph Sullivan were in attendance.

Warmbier's belongings from his time in North Korea, including the jacket he wore during his trial in Pyongyang, were displayed at the service.

Bagpipes blared after the service as his casket was carried out of the building toward a hearse, followed by a long line of mourners.

Nearby trees were adorned with blue and white ribbons, the high school's colors, in honor of Warmbier.

He was then buried at the Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum in Cincinnati.

Warmbier, a 22-year-old University of Virginia student, was detained by North Korea for nearly 17 months before he was medically evacuated and flown to Cincinnati on June 13. He was then rushed to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. North Korea claimed that he slipped into a coma after contracting botulism and taking a sleeping pill shortly after his sentencing.

He was arrested in January 2016 at the airport in Pyongyang for allegedly trying to steal a propaganda poster while he was visiting North Korea on a sightseeing tour organized by a Chinese-based company. After a one-hour trial in March 2016, he was convicted and sentenced to 15 years of hard labor.

At a news conference that day, his father, Fred Warmbier, revealed that President Trump called him a day earlier to ask about his son and the rest of his family. Warmbier said Trump, who was

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"very candid" during the telephone call, told him Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and other U.S. officials worked hard to negotiate his son's release.

Fred Warmbier told reporters at a news conference that the North Korean regime deemed his son a "war criminal" and "brutalized and terrorized" him during his detainment.

At that news conference, doctors from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center said Otto Warmbier suffered from injuries related to cardiopulmonary arrest and was in a state of unresponsive wakefulness, characterized by a lack of awareness of one's environment and self despite being awake. They said that scans showed extensive loss of tissue in all regions of his brain and that they found no evidence of botulism.

"This pattern of brain injury is usually seen as result of cardiopulmonary arrest, where blood supply to the brain is inadequate for a period of time, resulting in the death of brain tissue," Dr. Daniel Kanter told reporters at the news conference.

He said Warmbier was breathing on his own at the time and his vital signs were normal but he could not speak or move voluntarily.

"He shows no signs of understanding language ... He has not spoken. He has not engaged in any purposeful movements," Kanter said. "He has profound weakness of contraction in his arms and legs."

According to Dr. Jordan Bonomo, Warmbier had "no fractures to the bone and has minor blemishes on his skin. We see no evidence of an acute or healing fracture."

Warmbier died six days after he was returned home.

"It is our sad duty to report that our son, Otto Warmbier, has completed his journey home. Surrounded by his loving family, Otto died," his parents wrote in a statement Monday.

"Unfortunately, the awful torturous mistreatment our son received at the hands of the North Koreans ensured that no other outcome was possible," they said.

The Warmbiers added that they are "at peace" and "at home."

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office in Ohio examined Otto Warmbier after his death and announced that his family declined an autopsy, leaving his cause of death a medical mystery for now.

"The family's objection to an autopsy was honored, and only an external examination was performed," the coroner's office said in a statement Tuesday night.

In addition to the external exam, the coroner's office reviewed his medical records from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and AeroMed Management Group, the air ambulance

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service that helped evacuate him from Pyongyang, where he had been detained. The coroner's office also had "extensive conversations" with Warmbier's treating physician at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, according to the statement.

"No conclusions about the cause and manner of Mr. Warmbier's death have been drawn at this time, as there are additional medical records and imaging to review and people to interview," the coroner's office said in its statement. "Our deepest sympathies are with the family and friends of Mr. Warmbier at this time of their tragic loss."

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Plans made for funeral of Ohio student held in North Korea
June 22
By Dake Kang and Dan Swewll (AP)

WYOMING, Ohio — About 50 volunteers tied blue and white ribbons along a road leading from a high school to a cemetery in the hometown of a college student who was detained for nearly a year and a half in North Korea and was returned home in a coma last week and died days later.

Wyoming officials say the celebration of life for 22-year-old University of Virginia student Otto Warmbier will be Thursday in the Wyoming High School auditorium. The service is open to the public but not the media.

The Hamilton County coroner is trying to determine the cause of Warmbier's death Monday. Warmbier was accused in January 2015 of trying to steal a propaganda banner at his hotel while visiting North Korea, tearfully confessed and was convicted of subversion.

Ohio's Republican U.S. senator said Wednesday he had a secret meeting with North Korean officials in New York last December to press for Warmbier's release. Sen. Rob Portman wouldn't provide many details but said the diplomats indicated they would relay his request.

The senator, from the Cincinnati area, said he planned to attend Warmbier's funeral in Wyoming, a Cincinnati suburb. Also attending will be Ambassador Joseph Yun, the U.S. special envoy who traveled to Pyongyang to bring Warmbier back, and Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan, the Department of State said.

At a candlelight vigil Tuesday on the University of Virginia campus, Warmbier's girlfriend at the time of his detention described the loss of a soul mate. Alex Vagonis said she drew some peace from knowing Warmbier got home before his death.

An organizer working with volunteers didn't want them to speak to reporters on Wednesday morning as they decorated the route in the school's colors for the final trip of the adventurous student, fondly remembered at his high school as popular, smart and active in sports.

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Earlier this week, Jay Klein, a rising sophomore at DePauw University, recalled joining the Wyoming High soccer team as a freshman and getting to know Warmbier as one of the friendliest, most spirited seniors playing.

"Walking around the hallways at school, you don't really expect seniors to come up to you as a freshman," Klein said. *"He was one of the only guys who would come up to me and ask me how my day was doing and that kind of thing."*

Klein said fellow players looked up to Warmbier on and off the field, admiring his light-hearted spirit, his passion for the game and his love for travel.

Wambier's parents cited *"awful, torturous mistreatment"* by North Korea. Doctors last week said he suffered a *"severe neurological injury"* of unknown cause.

He was sentenced in March 2016 to 15 years in prison with hard labor. His family said it was told he had been in a coma since soon after his sentencing.

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The Korea Herald: Thousands of mourners bid farewell to Warmbier
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Family members, friends and thousands of mourners bade farewell Thursday to Otto Warmbier, the American college student who died shortly after his release from North Korea in a coma.

The funeral service was held at Warmbier's alma mater, Wyoming High School. The front of the funeral program included a quote from Warmbier's 2013 graduation speech: "This is our season finale. This is the end of one great show, but just the beginning to hundreds of new spinoffs."

Local media said about 2,500 people well-wishers lined up outside the school's arts center to pay respects to Warmbier. The service was conducted by a rabbi and lasted about one hour. Blue and white ribbons (the school's colors) adorned trees around the school to honor Warmbier.

In attendance was Amb. Joseph Yun, the US special representative for North Korea policy, who visited Pyongyang and brought Warmbier home. Yun conveyed a condolence message from South Korean President Moon Jae-in to Warmbier's family.

Others included Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) and Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan.

Portman was quoted as telling reporters that Warmbier was an "amazing young man" and North Korea must be held accountable for his death.

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Warmbier, a 22-year-old University of Virginia student, died Monday, six days after he returned to his Ohio home in a coma after

17 months of detention in the North for taking down a political propaganda sign from a hotel.

North Korean officials claimed Warmbier fell into a coma in March last year due to botulism and a sleeping pill. Doctors in the US said Warmbier had severe brain damage and was in a state of "unresponsive wakefulness."

His family blamed the "awful torturous mistreatment our son received at the hands of the North Koreans."

US President Donald Trump has condemned the "brutality" of the North Korean regime and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson vowed to hold Pyongyang accountable for the death. (Yonhap)

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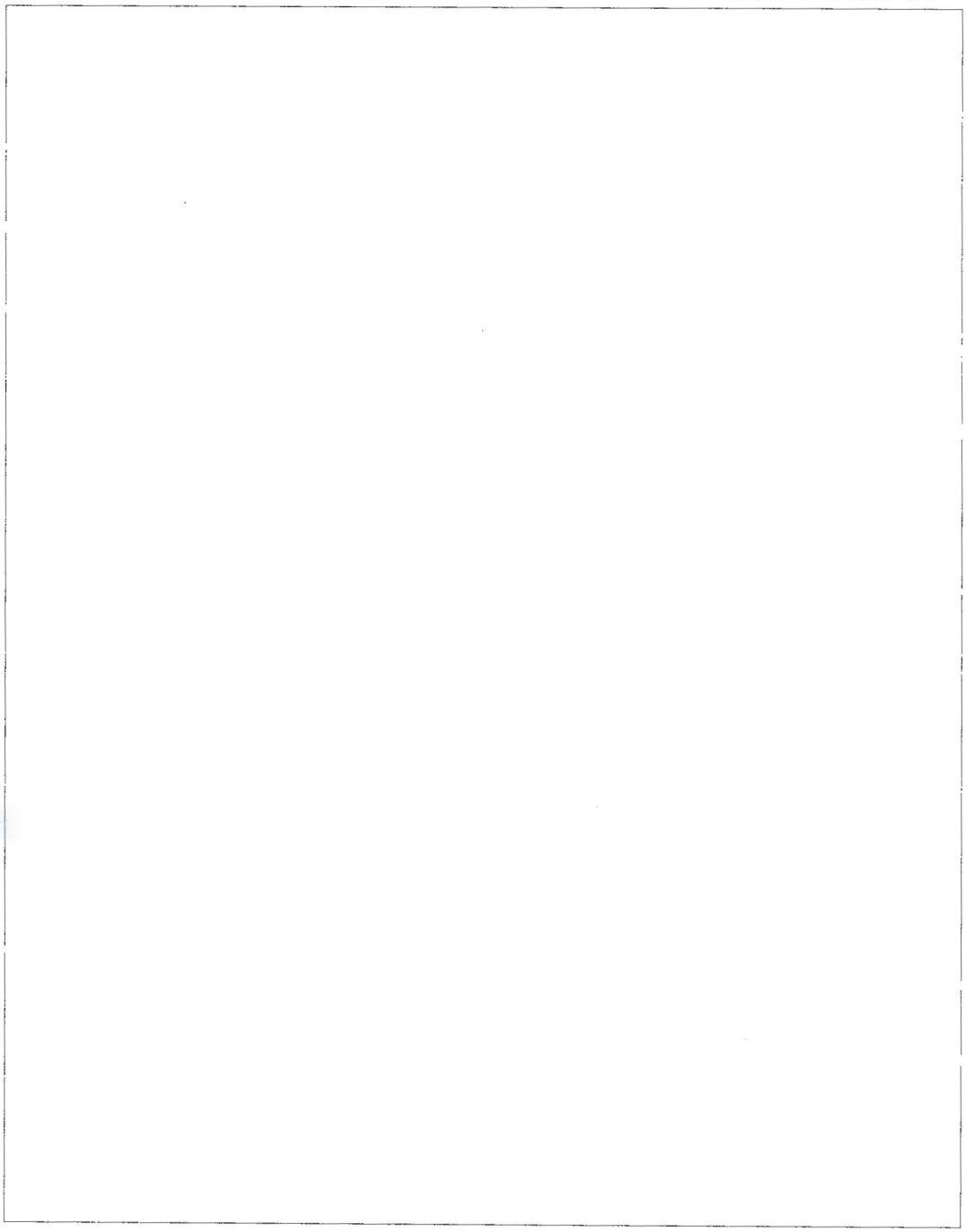
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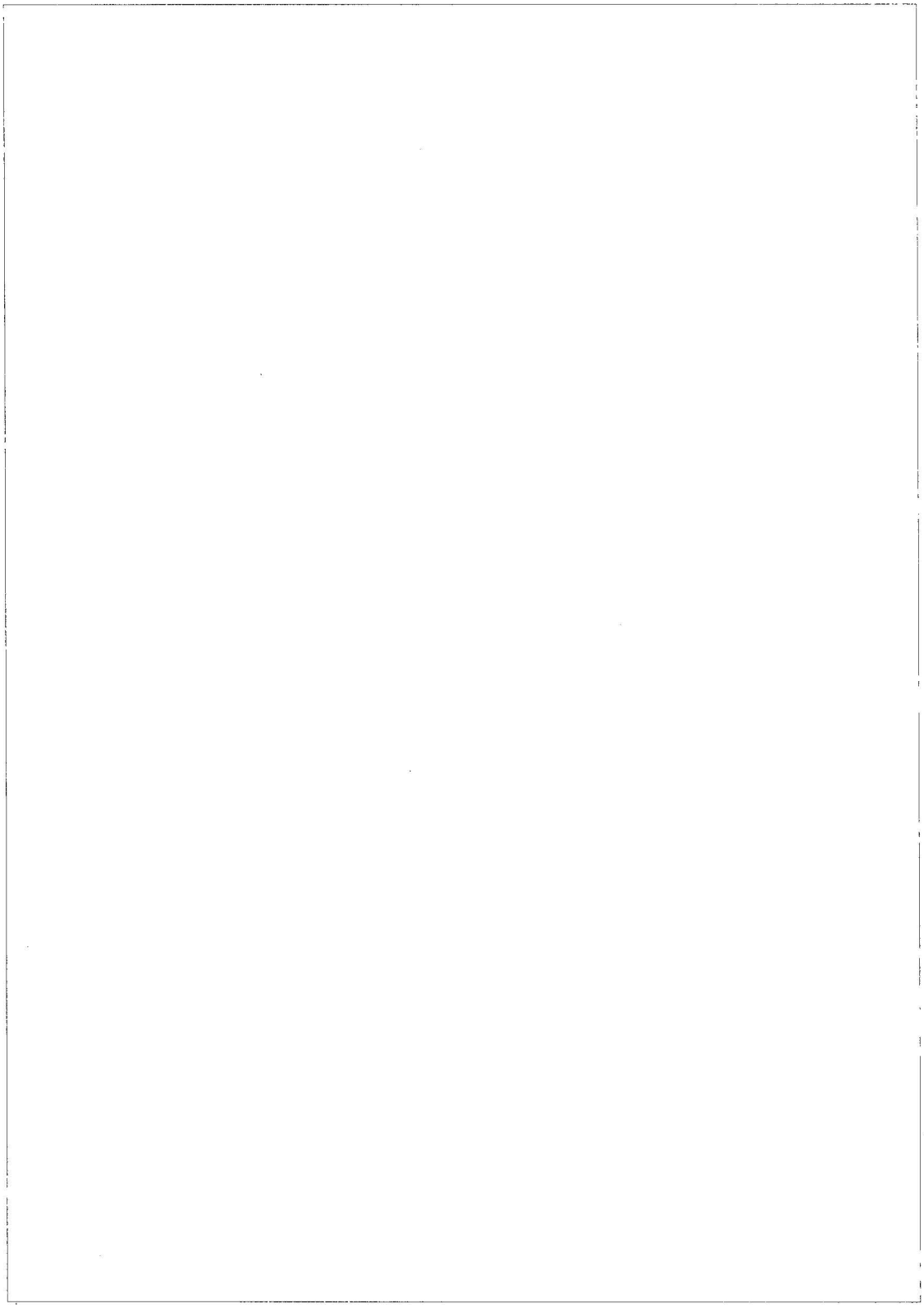


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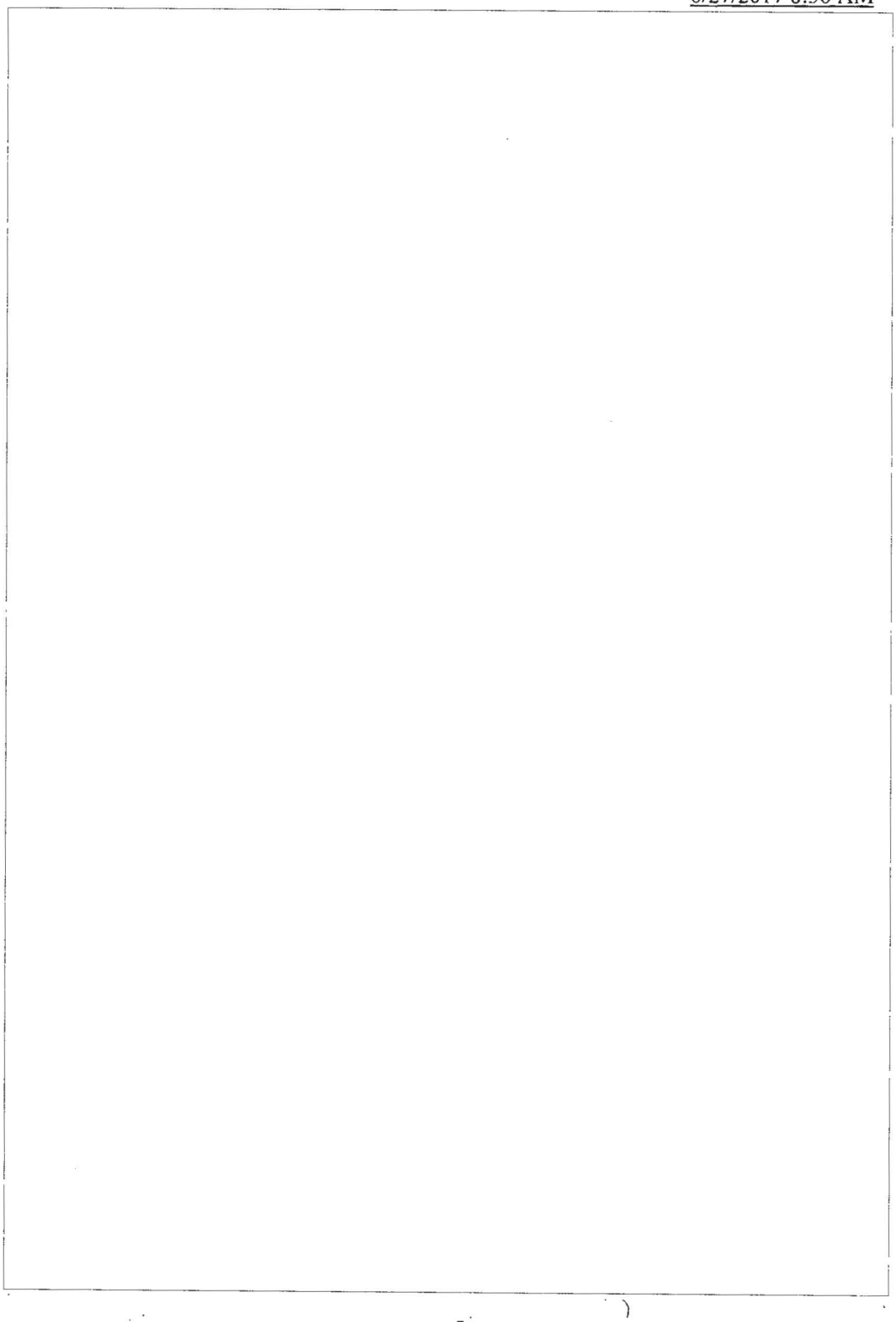


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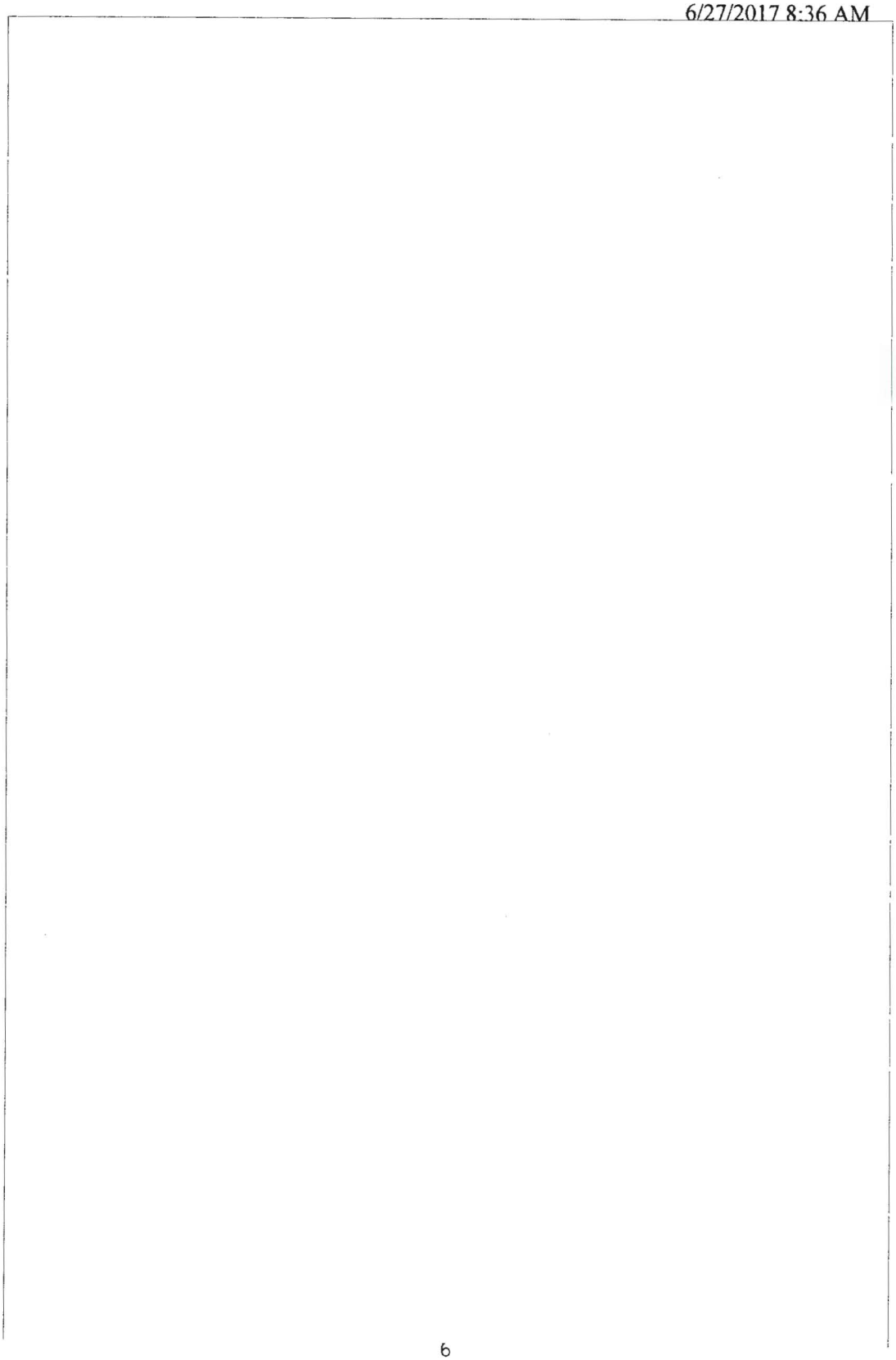


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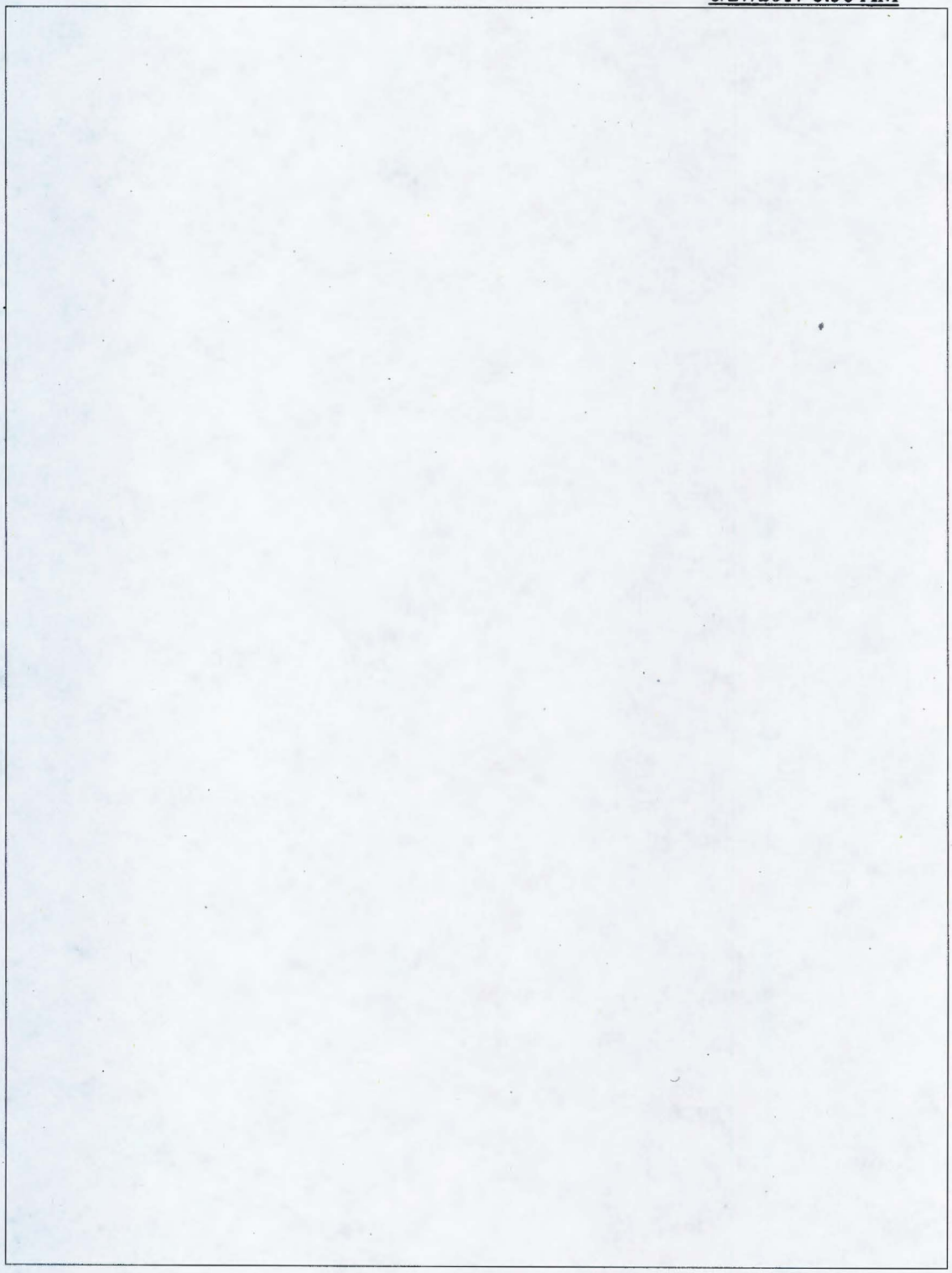


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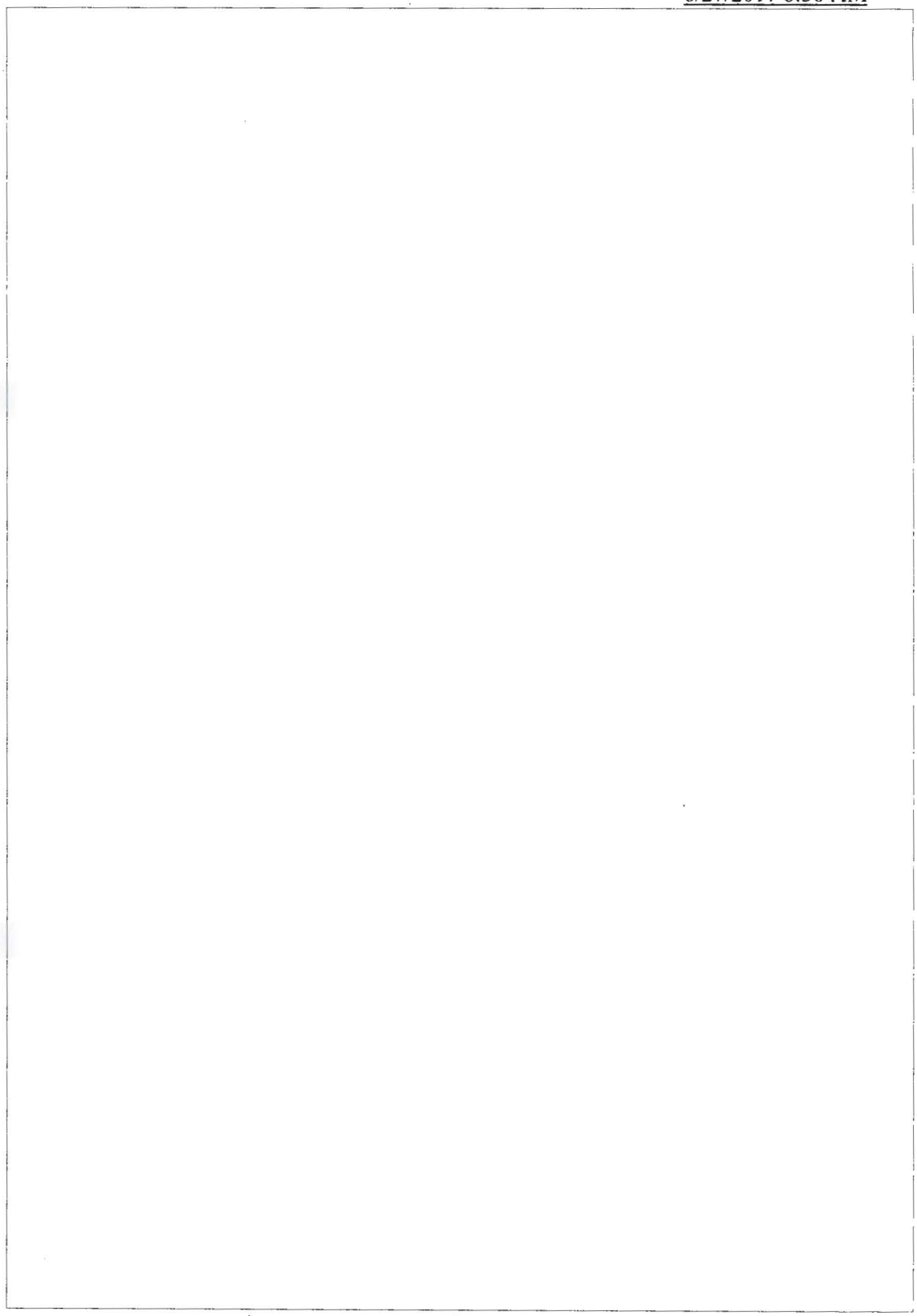


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CNN: Otto Warmbier funeral: 2,500 celebrate kid who would've 'set the world on fire'
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Wyoming, Ohio – After the bagpiper led 2,500 mourners out of the high school but before Otto Warmbier was laid to rest Thursday, one of his former counselors stopped to remember the 22-year-old who died last week after 17 months of detention in North Korea.

The tight-knit community near Cincinnati had spent nearly a year and a half "holding our breaths, praying for a quick release, rallying around the Warmbiers as much as possible" amid a dearth of information about the college student's fate, said Cynthia Meis, director of college counseling, who joined the Wyoming High School faculty in 2012.

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Warmbier's alma mater was packed Thursday, as the community came to terms with its sorrow over his death -- and celebrated what Meis described as his rare combination of intelligence, affability and sincerity.

"He was going to set the world on fire, which is why this loss is so profound," she told CNN.

Andrew Kraner, 25, who knew Warmbier from school and swimming "up the hill at the YMCA," said the 45-minute funeral service featured a blend of serious and lighthearted moments -- which "really spoke to Otto's character." Despite the uplifting celebration of his ex-classmate's life, Kraner lamented "a very bright future that we'll never know."

"Everything they say about Otto is very true. He was the nicest kid," he said. "It's tough, and my heart's very heavy for him."

A town rallies

Wyoming High's arts center can hold only 800 people, nowhere near large enough to accommodate those wishing to bid Warmbier farewell. Most attendees watched the service on monitors in overflow rooms.

Inside the arts center, mourners were met with a display of belongings Warmbier took with him on what was supposed to be a five-day excursion to North Korea. They included his wallet, running and boat shoes, a University of Virginia notebook, a scientific calculator, a reusable grocery bag and the crumpled linen blazer he wore while there.

Among the speakers at the funeral were Warmbier's brother, Austin, his sister, Greta, and some of his friends, according to the funeral program. Also in attendance was US Ambassador Joseph Yun, the special representative for North Korea policy, who helped secure Warmbier's release.

The front of the funeral program featured a quote from Warmbier's 2013 salutatorian speech: "This is our season finale. This is the end of one great show, but just the beginning to hundreds of new spinoffs."

Following the service, funeral organizers asked supporters to line the 3-mile trek between the school and the cemetery where Warmbier was buried. On campus and around the school, ribbons of blue and white -- Wyoming High School's colors -- adorned trees to honor Warmbier.

Warmbier returned to the United States last week in a coma, only to die six days after his arrival. North Korean officials say Warmbier contracted botulism and slipped into a coma after taking a sleeping pill.

His official cause of death is unknown, as his parents declined to have an autopsy conducted on their son.

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"It would be easy at a moment like this to focus on all that we lost -- future time that won't be spent with a warm, engaging, brilliant young man whose curiosity and enthusiasm for life knew no bounds," Fred and Cindy Warmbier said in a statement.

"We choose to focus on the time we were given to be with this remarkable person. You can tell from the outpouring of emotion from the communities that he touched -- Wyoming, Ohio, and the University of Virginia to name just two -- that the love for Otto went well beyond his immediate family."

Attendee D'Shon Shapiro told CNN that she and a friend, Molly Cain, know Warmbier's parents from youth sports. Otto Warmbier coached Cain's son in swimming and "made a great impression on him," she said.

"They truly are remarkable people, having raised remarkable kids," Shapiro said of Warmbier's parents.

Shapiro and Cain set up a fund-raiser on Facebook for the Warmbiers, with hopes of raising enough money to buy a memorial bench and to plant a tree at the young man's alma mater.

"With $10,500 raised so far, we're out of our element," Shapiro said. "What we insist on, though, is that Fred and Cindy make the decision on how to use the funds to best memorialize Otto."

Warmbier visited North Korea in January 2016 on a sightseeing tour. He was arrested for allegedly stealing a political sign from a restricted area and sentenced two months later to 15 years of hard labor.

President Donald Trump's administration worked to secure his return, and upon doing so, learned Warmbier could not speak or move voluntarily. His doctors said he suffered extensive brain damage.

His physicians said he suffered from unresponsive wakefulness, a condition also known as persistent vegetative state. In a news conference before Warmbier's death, they said they found no evidence of botulism, casting doubt on North Korea's claim.

"This pattern of brain injury is usually seen as result of cardiopulmonary arrest where blood supply to the brain is inadequate for a period of time, resulting in the death of brain tissue," Dr. Daniel Kanter said last week.

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, in remarks to reporters before the funeral, said he and his wife had spent Warmbier's 22nd birthday in December with the detained young man's parents. He described Warmbier as outgoing, athletic, bright and curious.

The senator accused North Korea of a "disregard for basic human rights, basic human dignity." He said he suspected Warmbier was denied basic medical care while detained in the reclusive country.

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"Yes, they are responsible," Portman said of the North Korean regime. "This college kid never should've been detained in the first place."

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office conducted only an external examination Warmbier's body. The coroner's office reviewed medical records from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and the air ambulance service that helped ferry Warmbier from Pyongyang to Cincinnati.

"No conclusions about the cause and manner of Mr. Warmbier's death have been drawn at this time as there are additional medical records and imaging to review and people to interview," the coroner's office statement said.

Washington Post: 'Let's bring it in': Otto Warmbier's family and friends celebrate his life at memorial

By Susan Svrluga
June 22 at 8:21 PM

WYOMING, Ohio — Families wearing blue and white Wyoming T-shirts, holding homemade cardboard signs and American flags, waited by the edge of the main street for Otto Warmbier's funeral procession to drive by. As the memorial attended by thousands at the town's high school ended, people in black dresses and dark suits joined those along the street.

Many were hugging; the ceremony, a celebration of Warmbier's life, had been funny and eloquent, much like the 22-year-old University of Virginia student who was beloved in this small suburb of Cincinnati and far beyond.

Friends and family shared memories of, as one put it, "this inspiring goofball of a man," and the essential lessons they had learned from him: Work hard, explore everything, love people, think deeply and laugh easily. And don't shake hands with a stranger — Warmbier would grab people for a tight embrace, instead, saying, "Let's bring it in. Hug it out."

His little sister Greta Warmbier remembered barreling down the road with him in his silver Chevy Impala, with blue dice and a fuzzy steering-wheel cover, windows down, singing Cee Lo Green's "Forget You" at the top of their lungs. Her oldest brother loved funny movies, she said, but she chose a line from chick flick to sum up his life cut so very short: I'd rather have 30 minutes of wonderful than a lifetime of nothing special.

Last week, when Warmbier finally came home, people tied ribbons to the trees that arch over the main street here and to the wooden street signs hanging from wrought-iron scrolls. Otto Warmbier had been imprisoned in North Korea for nearly a year and a half. People had been praying for his release. But he returned in a coma, medically evacuated, so the close-knit community sought, without words, to convey how much they felt.

He died Monday, surrounded by family.

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Internationally, his death reverberated. Several national leaders called it murder. President Trump called it a disgrace. It worsened already-raw tensions between the United States and North Korea.

At home, it brought people together.

By 7 a.m. Thursday, young people were stepping through the wet grass to gather outside Wyoming High School, where Warmbier gave a joyful graduation speech as salutatorian four years ago. His speech quoted a character on "The Office": "I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them."

Thousands of people came Thursday to celebrate Otto Warmbier, together, and to hold onto the good old days.

The surge of people in black, walking on streets so quiet the birds sounded loud, was one sign of that love.

Shortly before 9 a.m., there were still hundreds of people in line, and officials began warning them not everyone would be able to get in. The high school had capacity for 2,500 people.

The ribbons were another. Volunteers had gone well past the center of this city of 8,400 people, far beyond the large Victorian houses, stone churches and graceful old trees, to ensure that the ribbons in Wyoming City Schools colors fluttered all along the route from the high school to the iron gates of the cemetery.

There were other signs of love: Pops of orange, for one, a sign that friends from the U-Va. had arrived. And flashes of oddball, as people wore the kinds of thrift-store finds that made him laugh.

It was there in the thoughtfulness of a handwritten sign in the driveway of a house very close to the memorial service: Please park here.

It was there in a Wyoming park, where a man bounced a baby, beaming, over his head, and two boys dropped a baseball glove and a scooter and sprawled onto the grass by a flagpole.

The American flag, just overhead, was flying at half-staff.

"I think today we're seeing good and evil all at once," said Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio), who came to the ceremony along with other national leaders. The good was people holding one another close. The evil was just as palpable.

"Otto Warmbier is dead because of North Korea," he said.

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Inside the school, people looked at a table covered with Warmbier's belongings from the trip; a passport, sneakers, quirky thrift-store shirts. There were far too many people to fit in the auditorium; many pressed close on bleachers in the gym, or elsewhere.

Rabbi Jake Rubin paused after a prayer, to say that Fred and Cindy Warmbier wanted to give special thanks to Joseph Yun, a State Department official who played a key role in getting Warmbier out of North Korea. People stood to applaud him.

Rubin talked about Warmbier's growing Jewish faith, strengthened on a trip with him and others at U-Va. to Israel. He chose the name Amit, Rubin said — fitting for someone who valued friendship so much.

Several friends and family members laughed as they talked about Warmbier: how he was a hugger; a sweater; a guy who would drag you to the dustiest, crustiest old thrift store; how often his roommates awakened to the sound of Warmbier singing, off pitch, underground rap.

Emmett Saulnier, one of his roommates at U-Va., remembered traveling the world and how Warmbier would always return from a trip, whether a summer at the London School of Economics or a trip to Cuba with his mother, glowing from the adventure of it all. He had waited 18 months, he said, to hear what he thought would be the craziest travel story ever.

Sanjana Sekhar had just read Jack Kerouac when she met him through a prestigious U-Va. scholarship for the most intellectually curious students. She thought of this line: "The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars and in the middle you see the blue centerlight pop and everybody goes 'Awww!' "

"Otto was a fabulous yellow Roman candle kind of person," she said. She spoke fondly of his empathy, and their endless talks in the hall outside his door, on long drives, in the garage of his fraternity. He pushed her to be better, to question more, to give everyone in life a chance.

"I look forward to every moment of pure unfiltered life the future holds," she said. "To never yawn, or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn. That is his legacy."

Some had driven to Wyoming straight from Charlottesville, where 600 people had gathered for a candlelight vigil the day after his death. There, a professor spoke of the Jewish prayer for mourners, its emphasis not on death and loss but the abiding presence of God. "There are mysteries we cannot fathom," he said. As candles glowed in the amphitheater around them, friends talked about his brilliance, his adventurousness, his boundless joy, his faith in connection.

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Alex Vagonis, his girlfriend at U-Va., said they would get through the horror of his death; to do otherwise would be an injustice to Warmbier, "since he always wanted to see others fly."

Sarah Kenny, a student leader who organized the vigil, said she was surprised that people didn't seem more angry, more vindictive about his death. "I am incredulous that after going through something so traumatic, they could be that hopeful," she said, "and just — full of love."

Warmbier was a junior at U-Va., headed for a career in finance, when he went to North Korea with a tour group on the way to a study-abroad program in Hong Kong. He was not allowed to leave the country. He was charged with "hostile acts against the state," and given a 15-year sentence after a sham trial.

His parents had no word of him after March 2, 2016, until earlier this month, when North Korean officials disclosed that he was in a coma, and had been for more than a year.

So after his death Monday, people pulled in close, flying in from across the country, or walking from home down the street, to celebrate Warmbier.

Austin Warmbier, his younger brother, spoke last. He graciously thanked everyone for their support, then said: Enough with the formalities. Can you imagine how miserable Otto made my life?

He laughed about trying to follow in the footsteps of an older brother who was always on time, had perfect grades, was great at sports and incredibly popular. And he talked about how much he had learned from him, about setting goals, about discipline, about how you don't win the most friends by being the coolest, the most judgmental.

His brother missed his high school graduation, he said. He won't be best man at his wedding. His kids will never have an Uncle Otto.

But Otto Warmbier indelibly made him who he is, he said, just as he had shaped so many people there. "That's why we will never truly lose him."

Behind him, a video of Warmbier played, shot not long before he was supposed to fly out of North Korea. He was with his tour group and some North Korean children, throwing snowballs, and laughing with pure delight.

A bagpipe began to play.

Otto Warmbier's casket was carried out, and driven through streets lined with friends, and loving strangers, to the cemetery.

After the burial, the Warmbiers had invited everyone — all of Wyoming, U-Va. friends, doctors, dignitaries — over to their house. Bring it in. Hug it out.

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Fox: Around 2,000 gather to celebrate life of student who died after North Korea detainment

June 22

A crowd of roughly 2,000 people filled a high school auditorium to capacity Friday in Otto Warmbier's hometown to celebrate the life of the student who died earlier this week after being detained for a nearly a year and a half in North Korea, sharing stories about his affinity for hugs, thrift-store clothes-shopping and little-known rap music.

"It doesn't really feel real yet. He's so young, and he's been gone for so long," said Grady Beerck, 22, a former soccer teammate, told The Associated Press. "The impact he made is always going to last with people."

Around 2,000 mourners arrived at the morning memorial service for Warmbier held in the auditorium of his alma mater, Wyoming High School. The memorial is open to the public, but not the media. Around 100 people were turned away, The Associated Press reported.

More mourners lined the street, with some holding signs of support and pressing the tips of their thumbs together to form a "W," as a hearse carried away the casket after service.

It was his life that held mourners' attention Thursday as they fondly remembered a spirited student-athlete who was socially magnetic and had a positive impact on the people around him, whether it was in class, at a swim club or in his travels.

"Didn't matter what time of day or what he was doing, he'd drop everything to help his friends," Beerck said. "He was a goofy kid. He always just lived life to the fullest."

They heard stories about his life, rap music he listened to and his habit of shopping for sweaters at thrift stores. A bagpiper played as the casket was carried to a hearse.

Cynthia Meis, his college admissions counselor from high school, said she admires the strength displayed by Warmbier's parents in the face of such loss and the glare of international media attention.

"The world stage is secondary to the fact that they've lost their child," she said, "and I think we can all certainly appreciate that."

His former soccer coach, Steve Thomas, said Warmbier came from a religious family and was involved in mission trips and a birthright trip to Israel. "He had a deep desire to know God in a personal way," Thomas said. "He wasn't big on doing things because he was supposed to do it. He did things because he wanted to do them."

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A handout for the funeral featured a photo of Warmbier posing next to his mother and included a quote from his salutatorian speech in 2013: "This is our season finale. This is the end of one great show, but just the beginning to hundreds of new spin-offs."

The attendees included Ambassador Joseph Yun, the U.S. special envoy who traveled to Pyongyang to bring Warmbier back, and U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, a Republican from the Cincinnati area.

"This process has been an example of evil and love and good," Portman told reporters outside the service, Fox 19 reported. "This community and country have come together who are holding this family up in prayer."

He added: "We have also seen evil. He should've never been detained. The North Koreans need to be held accountable for that. They have demonstrated that they have no respect for the rule of law and they showed a lack of respect for basic human dignity and rights. The fact that they didn't tell his parents after he became ill is atrocious. Today is not a day to only focus on that."

At a candlelight vigil Tuesday on the University of Virginia campus, Warmbier's girlfriend at the time of his detention described the loss of a soul mate. Alex Vagonis said she drew some peace from knowing Warmbier got home to Ohio before his death.

Warmbier's family objected to an autopsy, so the Hamilton County coroner's office conducted only an external examination of his body. Medical records have been reviewed, and his condition was discussed extensively by treating physicians at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, where he was hospitalized after his June 13 return.

Warmbier's parents cited "awful, torturous mistreatment" by North Korea. Doctors last week said he suffered a "severe neurological injury" of unknown cause.

He was sentenced in March 2016 to 15 years in prison with hard labor. His family said it was told he had been in a coma since soon after his sentencing.

He is the first American to die after being released from North Korean custody in half a century.

New York Post: Hundreds gather for Otto Warmbier's funeral
Gabrielle Fonrouge
June 22 at 10:32 AM

WYOMING, Ohio — North Korea killed him, and on Thursday morning, his hometown mourned and buried him.

Otto Warmbier — the 22-year-old University of Virginia student who was fatally injured while in the custody of the rogue state — was laid to rest in a ceremony that included projections of photos from his final days touring in Pyongyang in 2015.

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He died Monday at a Cincinnati hospital, days after he was returned to this country.

Throngs of tearful, black-clad mourners turned out for the funeral at his former high school, Wyoming High School, in a suburb just north of Cincinnati, where four years ago, Warmbier gave a heartfelt salutatorian speech before his graduating class.

Warmbier sustained severe brain damage and fell into a coma in a North Korean prison soon after being sentenced to 15 years of hard labor for stealing a propaganda banner.

More than 2,000 mourners packed the school's auditorium for the 9 a.m. service in which Warmbier's brother, Austin, his sister, Greta, his girlfriend and close pals eulogized him.

A pile of Warmbier's clothes and school supplies, including a graphic calculator, were on display as mourners filed into the building.

"It doesn't matter where he was or what he was doing, he was always there for you whenever you needed him," Austin said of his older brother before the sea of mourners.

"Otto was the most popular, well-liked person I've ever met," Austin said, adding, "He could make a friend out of anyone, it doesn't matter who it was."

Austin said that it was "hard following in Otto's footsteps."

"He had a perfect GPA, was the captain of the soccer team," Austin said.

"When I used to get in trouble with my parents, Otto would call them from Charlottesville and try to convince them I wasn't the horrible child they thought I was," said Austin, causing mourners to chuckle.

Warmbier's longtime girlfriend Alex Vagonis said: "It was not just my life he made more colorful, but everyone else's."

"Every person who had the privilege of interacting with him, even just momentarily, saw the magnetic effect he had," she said. "I cannot [express] how lucky I am, how lucky we all are to have shared our lives and experiences with this inspiring goofball of a man."

Rabbi Jake Rubin, who took Warmbier on a birthright trip to Israel with his fraternity brothers, called Warmbier "one of the most intellectually curious people I've ever met" in a speech.

During his visit to North Korea with a China-based tour company, Warmbier was convicted after a one-hour trial in January 2016.

Speaking earlier to reporters outside the funeral service, Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio) said, "Today is a solemn day, but it is also a day the Warmbier family would like to celebrate the life of a bright young man."

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"Today we are seeing good and evil all at once — the good, of course, is the support and the love this family is receiving the support from this community," said Portman, who added, "This college kid never should have been detained in the first place."

Portman called what happened to Warmbier in North Korea "appalling."

President Trump, who did not attend the funeral, has blasted Warmbier's detention and ultimate death as "a total disgrace."

Scores of mourners lined Springfield Pike for the funeral procession to Oak Hill Cemetery in Glendale, where Warmbier will be buried.

NPR: Mourners Remember Otto Warmbier At Hometown Funeral
June 22 at 6:00 PM ET

Throngs of mourners paid their final respects to Otto Warmbier Thursday at a public funeral at the high school he attended near Cincinnati. Just four years ago, Warmbier graduated from the school as the salutatorian.

The 22-year-old University of Virginia student was detained in North Korea for 17 months and died on Monday, shortly after he returned to the United States in a coma.

"It doesn't really feel real yet," his former soccer teammate Grady Beerck said, according to The Associated Press. "He's so young, and he's been gone for so long. The impact he made is always going to last with people."

Beerck described Warmbier as a "goofy kid" who would "drop anything to help his friends."

An estimated 2,000 people packed Wyoming High School, in Wyoming, Ohio, with more lining the streets, CNN reports. The service took place in the arts center, which could hold only 800 people, so many more watched on screens set up in overflow rooms.

Warmbier's brother, sister and friends spoke at the service, NPR member station WVXU in Cincinnati reports.

Inside the arts center, some of the personal items Warmbier took to North Korea were on display: a wallet, a University of Virginia notebook and the cream-colored linen blazer he wore there, CNN says.

Warmbier's North Korean trip was only supposed to be a five-day tour. But he was arrested in Pyongyang in January 2016 and, as we have reported, was accused of trying to steal a propaganda poster. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison and hard labor.

Warmbier was returned to the United States last week in a coma. North Korea said he had contracted botulism and that it was releasing him on "humanitarian grounds."

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But the doctors who examined him after his return disputed the botulism claim and said he had "extensive loss of tissue" in his brain.

Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, who had met with North Korean officials in New York to press for Warmbier's release, attended the funeral.

"North Korea needs to be held accountable for what happened to Otto Warmbier," Portman said. "They've shown through their treatment of Otto a disregard for basic human rights, for human dignity."

Portman said sanctions against North Korea should be tightened, WVXU reports.

As a hearse carried Warmbier's coffin away, some mourners held up their fingers in the shape of a "W," for his name, according to AP.

A Hamilton County Coroner has not yet determined Warmbier's cause of death. According to his family's wishes, no autopsy was performed. But a statement from the coroner said, "There are additional medical records and imaging to review and people to interview."

The Hill: State Department officials attend Otto Warmbier's funeral
June 22 at 2:45 PM EDT
By Rebecca Savransky

State Department officials attended the funeral of Otto Warmbier, the American student who died earlier this week after being held in North Korea for 17 months.

State Department officials at the funeral included Joseph Yun, the State Department's special representative for North Korea, and Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan, ABC News reported.

Hundreds of people lined up for the service in Ohio, which was open to the public but closed to the press, according to ABC.

Warmbier died Monday after being released last week from North Korea, where he had been held for about 17 months.

"It is our sad duty to report that our son, Otto Warmbier, has completed his journey home. Surrounded by his loving family, Otto died at 2:20pm," Warmbier's parents said in a statement Monday, according to an Ohio-based paper.

North Korea's high court had sentenced Warmbier, a student at the University of Virginia, to 15 years in prison with hard labor after he allegedly tried to steal a political poster.

Warmbier's parents said their son had been in a coma for more than a year before he was medically evacauted from North Korea.

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Earlier this week, President Trump said China has tried to help the United States solve increasing tensions with North Korea, but "it has not worked out."

White House press secretary Sean Spicer did not have a specific answer when asked at Tuesday's press briefing how the administration would respond to Warmbier's death.

ABC: American student who died after release from North Korea mourned at funeral
By Morgan Winsor
June 22 12:41 PM ET

Otto Warmbier, an American college student who died just days after North Korea released him from prison, was laid to rest in his hometown of Cincinnati on Thursday.

A funeral service was held Thursday morning at Wyoming High School in Wyoming, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati, where Warmbier was the salutatorian of his 2013 graduating class. The service was open to the public but closed to the press, according to a press release from the funeral home.

Hundreds of people were seen lined up outside the school's Pendery Center for the Arts, waiting to enter the auditorium for the service. Joseph Yun, the State Department's special representative for North Korea, and Deputy Secretary of State Joseph Sullivan were in attendance.

Warmbier's belongings from his time in North Korea, including the jacket he wore during his trial in Pyongyang, were displayed at the service.

Bagpipes blared after the service as his casket was carried out of the building toward a hearse, followed by a long line of mourners.

Nearby trees were adorned with blue and white ribbons, the high school's colors, in honor of Warmbier.

He was then buried at the Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum in Cincinnati.

Warmbier, a 22-year-old University of Virginia student, was detained by North Korea for nearly 17 months before he was medically evacuated and flown to Cincinnati on June 13. He was then rushed to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. North Korea claimed that he slipped into a coma after contracting botulism and taking a sleeping pill shortly after his sentencing.

He was arrested in January 2016 at the airport in Pyongyang for allegedly trying to steal a propaganda poster while he was visiting North Korea on a sightseeing tour organized by a Chinese-based company. After a one-hour trial in March 2016, he was convicted and sentenced to 15 years of hard labor.

At a news conference that day, his father, Fred Warmbier, revealed that President Trump called him a day earlier to ask about his son and the rest of his family. Warmbier said Trump, who was

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"very candid" during the telephone call, told him Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and other U.S. officials worked hard to negotiate his son's release.

Fred Warmbier told reporters at a news conference that the North Korean regime deemed his son a "war criminal" and "brutalized and terrorized" him during his detainment.

At that news conference, doctors from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center said Otto Warmbier suffered from injuries related to cardiopulmonary arrest and was in a state of unresponsive wakefulness, characterized by a lack of awareness of one's environment and self despite being awake. They said that scans showed extensive loss of tissue in all regions of his brain and that they found no evidence of botulism.

"This pattern of brain injury is usually seen as result of cardiopulmonary arrest, where blood supply to the brain is inadequate for a period of time, resulting in the death of brain tissue," Dr. Daniel Kanter told reporters at the news conference.

He said Warmbier was breathing on his own at the time and his vital signs were normal but he could not speak or move voluntarily.

"He shows no signs of understanding language ... He has not spoken. He has not engaged in any purposeful movements," Kanter said. "He has profound weakness of contraction in his arms and legs."

According to Dr. Jordan Bonomo, Warmbier had "no fractures to the bone and has minor blemishes on his skin. We see no evidence of an acute or healing fracture."

Warmbier died six days after he was returned home.

"It is our sad duty to report that our son, Otto Warmbier, has completed his journey home. Surrounded by his loving family, Otto died," his parents wrote in a statement Monday.

"Unfortunately, the awful torturous mistreatment our son received at the hands of the North Koreans ensured that no other outcome was possible," they said.

The Warmbiers added that they are "at peace" and "at home."

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office in Ohio examined Otto Warmbier after his death and announced that his family declined an autopsy, leaving his cause of death a medical mystery for now.

"The family's objection to an autopsy was honored, and only an external examination was performed," the coroner's office said in a statement Tuesday night.

In addition to the external exam, the coroner's office reviewed his medical records from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and AeroMed Management Group, the air ambulance

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service that helped evacuate him from Pyongyang, where he had been detained. The coroner's office also had "extensive conversations" with Warmbier's treating physician at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, according to the statement.

"No conclusions about the cause and manner of Mr. Warmbier's death have been drawn at this time, as there are additional medical records and imaging to review and people to interview," the coroner's office said in its statement. "Our deepest sympathies are with the family and friends of Mr. Warmbier at this time of their tragic loss."

U.S. Local

Plans made for funeral of Ohio student held in North Korea
June 22
By Dake Kang and Dan Swewll (AP)

WYOMING, Ohio — About 50 volunteers tied blue and white ribbons along a road leading from a high school to a cemetery in the hometown of a college student who was detained for nearly a year and a half in North Korea and was returned home in a coma last week and died days later.

Wyoming officials say the celebration of life for 22-year-old University of Virginia student Otto Warmbier will be Thursday in the Wyoming High School auditorium. The service is open to the public but not the media.

The Hamilton County coroner is trying to determine the cause of Warmbier's death Monday. Warmbier was accused in January 2015 of trying to steal a propaganda banner at his hotel while visiting North Korea, tearfully confessed and was convicted of subversion.

Ohio's Republican U.S. senator said Wednesday he had a secret meeting with North Korean officials in New York last December to press for Warmbier's release. Sen. Rob Portman wouldn't provide many details but said the diplomats indicated they would relay his request.

The senator, from the Cincinnati area, said he planned to attend Warmbier's funeral in Wyoming, a Cincinnati suburb. Also attending will be Ambassador Joseph Yun, the U.S. special envoy who traveled to Pyongyang to bring Warmbier back, and Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan, the Department of State said.

At a candlelight vigil Tuesday on the University of Virginia campus, Warmbier's girlfriend at the time of his detention described the loss of a soul mate. Alex Vagonis said she drew some peace from knowing Warmbier got home before his death.

An organizer working with volunteers didn't want them to speak to reporters on Wednesday morning as they decorated the route in the school's colors for the final trip of the adventurous student, fondly remembered at his high school as popular, smart and active in sports.

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Earlier this week, Jay Klein, a rising sophomore at DePauw University, recalled joining the Wyoming High soccer team as a freshman and getting to know Warmbier as one of the friendliest, most spirited seniors playing.

"Walking around the hallways at school, you don't really expect seniors to come up to you as a freshman," Klein said. *"He was one of the only guys who would come up to me and ask me how my day was doing and that kind of thing."*

Klein said fellow players looked up to Warmbier on and off the field, admiring his light-hearted spirit, his passion for the game and his love for travel.

Wambier's parents cited *"awful, torturous mistreatment"* by North Korea. Doctors last week said he suffered a *"severe neurological injury"* of unknown cause.

He was sentenced in March 2016 to 15 years in prison with hard labor. His family said it was told he had been in a coma since soon after his sentencing.

Republic of Korea

The Korea Herald: Thousands of mourners bid farewell to Warmbier
June 23 10:15 AM

Family members, friends and thousands of mourners bade farewell Thursday to Otto Warmbier, the American college student who died shortly after his release from North Korea in a coma.

The funeral service was held at Warmbier's alma mater, Wyoming High School. The front of the funeral program included a quote from Warmbier's 2013 graduation speech: "This is our season finale. This is the end of one great show, but just the beginning to hundreds of new spinoffs."

Local media said about 2,500 people well-wishers lined up outside the school's arts center to pay respects to Warmbier. The service was conducted by a rabbi and lasted about one hour. Blue and white ribbons (the school's colors) adorned trees around the school to honor Warmbier.

In attendance was Amb. Joseph Yun, the US special representative for North Korea policy, who visited Pyongyang and brought Warmbier home. Yun conveyed a condolence message from South Korean President Moon Jae-in to Warmbier's family.

Others included Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) and Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan.

Portman was quoted as telling reporters that Warmbier was an "amazing young man" and North Korea must be held accountable for his death.

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Warmbier, a 22-year-old University of Virginia student, died Monday, six days after he returned to his Ohio home in a coma after

17 months of detention in the North for taking down a political propaganda sign from a hotel.

North Korean officials claimed Warmbier fell into a coma in March last year due to botulism and a sleeping pill. Doctors in the US said Warmbier had severe brain damage and was in a state of "unresponsive wakefulness."

His family blamed the "awful torturous mistreatment our son received at the hands of the North Koreans."

US President Donald Trump has condemned the "brutality" of the North Korean regime and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson vowed to hold Pyongyang accountable for the death. (Yonhap)

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From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:55 AM
To: S_SpecialAssistants; Piazza, Lucia C
Subject: AM to NEA re Egypt decisions

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Specials, can we be sure this has been tasked through the line? Will need to include, in some fashion, the two papers Jones sent the COS at 0915 on 6/26.

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Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
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Ambassador Jones, Thank you for this heads up. Would NEA please convert the options paper and points below into an Action Memo for the Secretary's timely review and decision. Thanks, Tad

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Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:40 PM
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Cc: D EAP Duty Officer
Subject: Re [redacted] DHS Meeting B5

Great thanks. Elizabeth will send you the paper now. Please include your points and let's discuss in a few minutes when I'm back.

On Jun 27, 2017, at 12:39 PM, LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov> wrote:

> Not too late.
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> **From:** Cavendish, Georgiana
> **Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:38 PM
> **To:** D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>
> **Cc:** LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: [redacted] DHS Meeting B5
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> Hi Greg, has D seen his paper for DHS yet? Is it too late to add a point per Elizabeth? If he hasn't seen it I think we can simply include the point and no need to do a buckslip . Concur?
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> On Jun 27, 2017, at 12:33 PM, D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov> wrote:
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> > I have papers to add for the 3 PM meeting. I just wanted to do a buck slip explaining that this is one issue, to be raise but focus of the meeting is XXX. Does that work? I don't want to confuse the meeting, [redacted] Thanks B5
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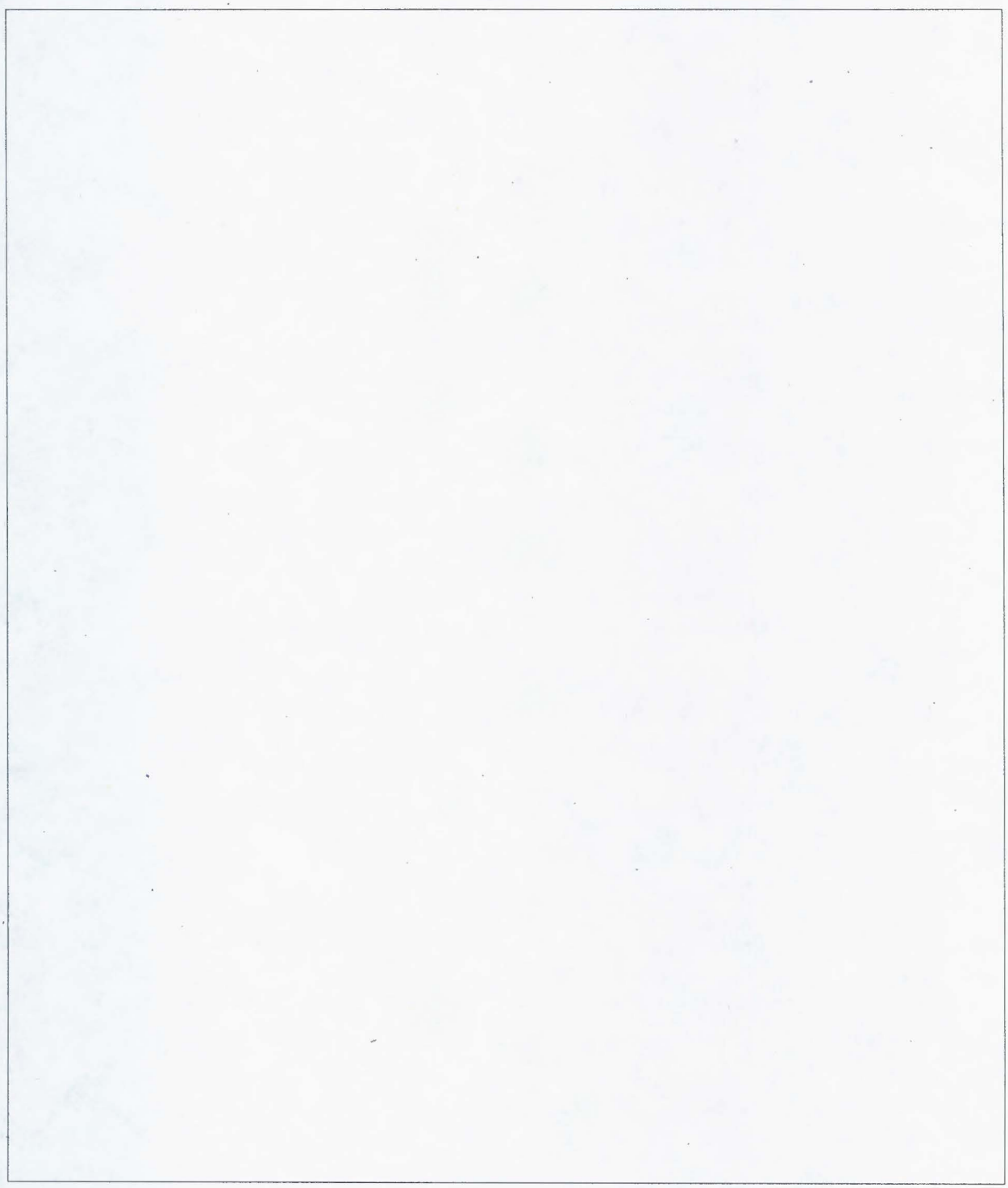
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Cc: Rebholz, Jason P
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Thanks, Greg!

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Many thanks,
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Subject: FW: WP Op Ed - How Bush, Obama and Trump ended Pax Americana

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How Bush, Obama and Trump ended Pax Americana
Washington Post Opinion
By David Rothkopf
June 27 at 6:00 AM

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/global-opinions/wp/2017/06/27/how-bush-obama-and-trump-ended-pax-americana/?tid=sm_tw&utm_term=.c7a7031b6e20

David Rothkopf is author of "Great Questions of Tomorrow" (TED Books/Simon & Schuster, 2017). He is Visiting Professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

What if three very different U.S. presidents were to succeed each other in office, each focused like a laser on undoing what he saw as the gravely damaging policies of his predecessor? And what if, in so doing, the three actually compounded the damage done by the others? And what if, thanks to the handiwork of the all-powerful God of Irony, the three would someday be seen by history as the central collaborators in writing the closing chapter on Pax Americana, the more-than-70-year period that may someday be seen as the pinnacle of U.S. global influence?

This is, of course, the story of the first three American presidents of the 21st century. They were as different as any three presidents in American history. In temperament, professional experience, ideology, character and the advisers with which they surrounded themselves, they couldn't have been less alike. One was a Republican traditionalist, one was a liberal Democrat, one was a pathological narcissist. Each had a different idea of what America's role in the world should be. And yet in the end, each took steps that alienated American allies, strengthened our enemies, undercut institutions and alliances on which we have depended for three-quarters of a century, and mismanaged American foreign policy in ways that left America demonstrably weaker. You probably couldn't get the three of them to agree on what to have for dinner, but somehow they worked in accidental harmony to diminish an American global leadership role that was unrivaled by any nation or empire in history.

George W. Bush's overreach and unilateralism produced alienation among our allies and strengthened our enemies. Barack Obama's desire to undo Bush's policies and avoid making the same mistakes led him to retreat too far and to be too indecisive in the face of challenges. And then came Donald Trump. Thanks to his special breed of ignorance, incompetence, incoherence and bluster, he is seen not just as furthering American decline but as a symbol of it.

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World leaders have reacted. German Chancellor Angela Merkel asserted, "The times when we could completely rely on others are to an extent, over." Chrystia Freeland, Canada's foreign minister said earlier this month in a speech, that the United States "has come to question the very worth of its mantle of global leadership." Even before Trump took office, just based on his campaign rhetoric, China's leader Xi Jinping told the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, that China was ready to lead the international system if the United States would not.

Other leaders have begun to tweak the United States. From French President Emmanuel Macron's video making the case to "make our planet great again" to former Mexican president Vicente Fox's hilarious video that asserted to Trump, "Amigo, you have a ton of flaws," the mockery is unprecedented. And of course, the ultimate Trump tweaker — who was also known for testing the limits of Bush and Obama — is Vladimir Putin. But, of course, this is where the story goes from bad to worse. Putin & Co. didn't just tweak. They hacked — both testing American limits and betting that we did not have the will to get tough in a meaningful way. And the Russian president's wager was not based purely on Trump's actions. Putin bet he could tamper with U.S. democracy and that the cost to Russia would be low in part because he had previously successfully calculated he could invade Georgia and Crimea without paying a real price.

Marietje Schaake, a European Union parliamentarian, observed with regard to the phenomenon of United States's retreat, "The vacuum may encourage people all over the world to seize the moment of an absent United States." Certainly, Russia and China are seeking to do just that. Elsewhere, to choose a prominent current example, we have seen Saudi Arabia and allied states in the Gulf begin to take a more assertive role in shaping Middle East affairs.

While some in the United States and around the world might have long been hoping for a changed — less onerous or less dominant, respectively — U.S. role in the world, we are swiftly discovering the downsides of such a shift. For example, America for years has said the countries of the Middle East should play a greater role in determining the region's future. But now we are coming to see (as we should have expected) that how they do this might not dovetail with U.S. interests, practices or priorities. And as we have also seen, some of those who are filling the U.S. void are just bad actors — from Russia to North Korea to Iran.

Combine that with weakened international institutions, emerging top powers with less experience and clout than the United States and — barring a deliberate change of direction by America's people and presidents — two things are certain. One is that, thanks to the inadvertent collaboration of Bush, Obama and Trump, we are in for a messy, dangerous period in global affairs. And the second is that the period most likely to follow Pax Americana is one that will likely be defined by nostalgia for Pax Americana.

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Hi,
I am passing a paper copy of something this afternoon. Please send or call in your comments for S to Margaret by 9pm tonight.

Thanks,
Meredith

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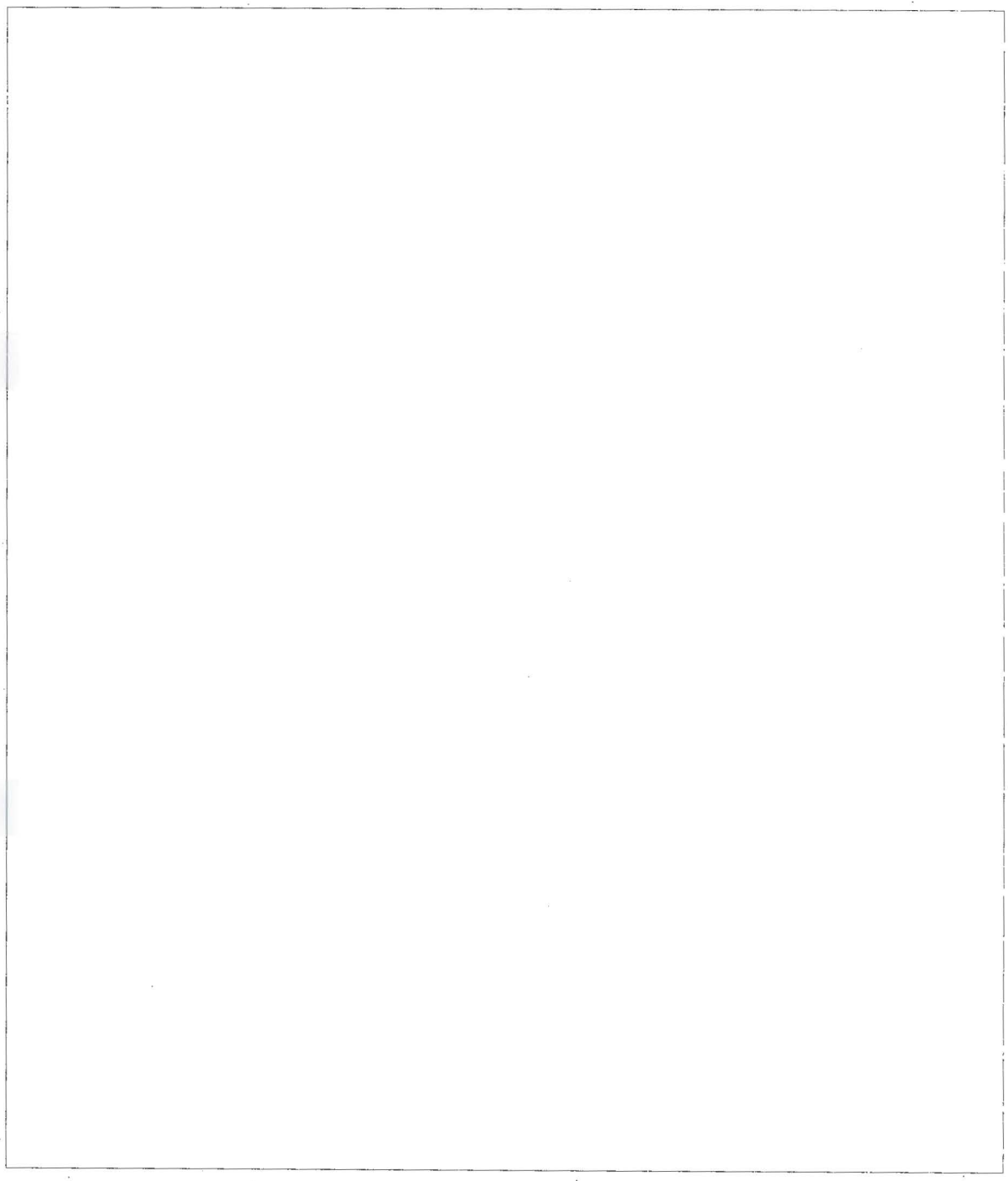
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The North's official KCNA said "revelation showed" Park had masterminded a plot to execute its "supreme leadership" in 2015 and it was imposing the "death penalty on traitor Park Geun-hye".

KCNA did not disclose the source of the revelation but a Japanese newspaper reported this week that Park in 2015 approved a plan to overturn the North Korean regime of leader Kim Jong Un.

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Subject: For Clearance: tranche 2 - confirmation papers ECOSOC Amb.-Designate Kelley Currie
Attachments: IP2 - UNGA Third Committee.docx; Q3 - UNDEF.docx; Q5 - NGO Committee and Terrorism.docx

As promised, here is tranche 2.

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Thank you!
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Attachments: Tillerson Appointment Request 2017 Draft 1 (4).doc.docx; Tillerson Meeting Rqst Tab 1.docx; Tillerson Meeting Rqst Tab 2.docx; Tillerson Meeting Rqst Tab 3 - Copy.docx; Tillerson Meeting Rqst. - Works Cited.docx; Tillerson Meeting Rqst Tab 4.docx

Concettina,

Thank you for the opportunity to review. It sounds like a great event! I would recommend you double check the current format required for such memos to S. You'll need more specificity on the proposed dates/times, among other edits. Condense the action memo to one page (you could shorten the 'purpose' paragraph).

Also check whether all of the attachments are required at this stage. The schedule and background tab seem fine, but it might not be necessary to provide the essay now. The essay and citations should be together – not two separate docs.

You can put me down as info by request.

Thanks,
Elizabeth Hattingh
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From: Kidd, Patricia E
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 6:34 PM
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Elizabeth,
Over to you for clearance.

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Greetings from HR/PC. Your review and clearance is requested for the attached appointment request. This package has been pre-cleared by DGHR's Catherine Rodriguez, and HR/PC's Michelle Esperdy. Thank you in advance for your assistance! Regards, Tina

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Cc: Mihailescu, Andrea R; Piazza, Lucia C
Subject: RE: DPRK question

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I'm all good. Got it answered. Thanks!

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Will call in a few

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Dear all, If one of you has a moment, I have a specific question about the latest [redacted] Who would be the right person to ask? Thanks, Tad B5

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Subject: H20170629QFR201 H TASKING: Questions for the Record for Secretary Tillerson (Rep. Cicilline) - FY 2018 Budget Hearing- HFAC

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1. Has the President ever asked you to pledge your loyalty to him on any occasion? If so, please describe the circumstances. B5

2. Secretary Tillerson, when you are speaking with leaders from allies or adversaries, are you confident that you are speaking accurately on behalf of this administration and the president? Do you believe that foreign leaders see you as having the authority to convey American positions and decisions?

3. Under what congressional authorization did the U.S. shoot down a Syrian fighter plane on June 18, 2017? Is it this Administration's position that you have congressional authorization to engage militarily with the government of Bashar Al-Assad?

4. Was it your intention, by zeroing out the budget for family planning and reproductive health programs, to cause more unintended pregnancies, more maternal and newborn deaths, and more unsafe abortions around the world?

5. You and others have consistently said that it is the intention of the Administration to ask other countries to step up and fill the gaping funding gaps that this proposed budget would leave. Have you conveyed to various countries what you expect their contributions to be, and received specific commitments for funding?

6. During your first trip to Beijing, in a departure from the practice of your predecessors, you chose not to take traveling press, including to China which is a country that is notorious for limiting its citizen's access to information. On the same trip, the Korean press reported that you did not attend a dinner with government officials due to "fatigue." You later denied these claims, stating that the South Korean press had misrepresented the issue.

   a. What did you mean when you said you weren't a big press access person?
   b. In previous administrations, advancing free an open press has been a foreign-policy goal. Is that no longer the case?
   c. Do you believe your exclusion of U.S. press – a break from longstanding practice – inevitably gave foreign media undue power to spin the narrative?
   d. Do you see the media as an important amplifier for U.S. diplomatic leadership and soft power?
   e. Will you take press with you on future trips?

7. The FY16 omnibus requires you to certify and report to Congress that the Egyptian government has met a number of benchmarks on democracy, human rights, and the rule of law before releasing 15 percent ($195 million) of Egypt's military aid. Can you tell us

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if the Egyptian government, for example: has released political prisoners, is implementing laws or policies to govern democratically, is taking consistent steps to protect and advance the rights of women and religious minorities, and is providing detainees with due process of law? After President el-Sisi signed a draconian new law restricting civil society and reports of an escalated crackdown against civil society organizations in Egypt, do you believe the Egyptian government is implementing reforms that protect "the ability of civil society organizations and the media to function without interference"? What examples, if any, can you provide as evidence of those actions by the Egyptian government? What examples, if any, can you provide as evidence of the Egyptian government violating those principles? B5

8. This budget requests $75 million in economic assistance to Egypt, which includes money for democracy and development programs. Egyptian President el-Sisi recently ratified a draconian new NGO law which would make it virtually impossible for independent civil society to operate in Egypt through restrictive registration and funding processes. According to the Project on Middle East Democracy, Egypt's new NGO law will also require international NGOs to obtain "prior approval from the National Authority to operate in Egypt. They have to purchase a $20,000 permit; this fee would increase by 20 percent every five years." A longstanding provision of U.S. law known as the "Brownback Amendment" asserts that "with respect to the provision of democracy, human rights, and governance activities, the organizations implementing such assistance, the specific nature of that assistance, and the participants in such programs shall not be subject to the prior approval by the government of any foreign country." In your view, does Egypt's new NGO law violate the Brownback Amendment, by giving the Egyptian government veto power over U.S.-funded democracy programs? More broadly, with this new law in place, what kind of economic, development, or democracy programming is even possible for U.S. assistance to support in Egypt? Do you believe that repeal of this NGO law should be a pre-requirement to the United States providing continued economic aid to Egypt? B5

9. This budget eliminates foreign military financing grants for every country in the world except for four, including $1.3 billion for Egypt. A May 2016 report from the GAO indicated that a lack of cooperation from Egyptian authorities "limited U.S. efforts to verify the use and security of certain equipment." Since that time, a disturbing video from April 2017 shows members of the Egyptian military shooting unarmed detainees to death at point-blank range in the Sinai Peninsula and staging the killings to look as if they had happened in combat. I am deeply concerned about the United States continuing to provide military assistance to Egypt while Egyptian authorities continue to deny access to U.S. officials seeking to verify that such equipment is not being used to commit gross human rights violations, in accordance with the Leahy Law. Have your Egyptian counterparts assured you that U.S. officials will have full access to the Sinai to make such a verification? In your view, is the Egyptian military currently in compliance with the Leahy Law? B5

10. Can you explain the rationale for completely eliminating the Emergency Refugee and Migration (ERMA) account, as the President's Budget Request would do? This account is

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authorized at $100 million and is drawn down by authority of the President so that the Department of State can respond to displacement emergencies and prevent regional instability. The President's Budget Request claims that these functions can be carried out under the Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) account, and yet that account would also be cut by 10%, rather than increased by $100 million. Can you explain the rationale for eliminating this tool of diplomacy? B5

11. Despite the fact that the two executive orders to stop the refugee resettlement program for four months were halted by a series of court injunctions, it appears that:

    - The USCIS Refugee Corps interviews of refugee applicants have slowed down.
    - Delays in the processing of security checks for refugee applicants has resulted in different parts of these clearances expiring at different times and since each step in the security check process is time limited, this has created setbacks and longer waits for refugees in the pipeline.

    How is this in keeping with the court injunctions on the refugee executive order, as well as the congressional intent, made clear in the FY17 CR and Omnibus funding, that resettlement is to be maintained? Congress has appropriated the same amount of funding to both the Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration within the State Department, and the Office of Refugee Resettlement within Health and Human Services, as last year, when close to 85,000 refugees were admitted. B5

12. How many refugees does the President plan to admit this next fiscal year, and how does this compare to the historical average since the 1980 Refugee Act? B5

13. Our assistance program for Nagorno Karabakh has, since FY98, supported life-saving maternal health care, provided clean drinking water for families, and cleared mines and unexploded ordnance from farms and villages. HALO Trust, which is leading the demining effort, reports that it has completed approximately 88% of its mission, but needs continued U.S. support to finish its life-saving work. Additional humanitarian needs exist in Nagorno Karabakh - which, aside from U.S. aid and help from Armenia, does not receive any international or multi-national assistance or development support. Among these unmet needs are rehabilitation services, such as those that the Lady Cox Rehabilitation Center seeks - within its limited means - to provide for children, adults, and the elderly with disabilities.

    Are you supportive of continued U.S. assistance to Nagorno Karabakh, with a special focus on completing demining efforts and expanding our support to include health care and rehabilitation services? B5

14. Chairman Lindsey Graham and Ranking Member Patrick Leahy of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs warned, in a May 18th letter to Turkey's Ambassador to the United States, that the May 16th attack by President Erdogan's bodyguards against peaceful demonstrators in Washington, DC will result in "potential implications for assistance to Turkey."

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In connection to that assault, I have several questions:

a. Has the Department of State formally requested that the Republic Turkey waive all claims of diplomatic immunity for those foreign diplomats or security personnel involved, either directly or indirectly in the May 16th assault at Sheridan Circle against peaceful protesters?
b. To your knowledge, has President Erdogan apologized or expressed any regret for the May 16th attack by his bodyguards against peaceful protesters on American soil?
c. Are you satisfied with the Turkish government's response to your statements and other official U.S. reactions to the May 16th attack by President Erdogan's bodyguards against peaceful protesters on American soil?
d. Do you agree with Senators Graham and Leahy regarding the potential implications of the May 16th attack on future U.S. assistance to Turkey?
e. Has the pending sale of small arms to the Turkish government previously noticed to Congress been placed on hold or stopped altogether? B5

15. Armenia has welcomed over 20,000 refugees from Syria and, more broadly, has expressed willingness to serve as a regional safe haven for religious and other minorities fleeing violence and intolerance in the Middle East.

    Are you willing to work with Congress to help provide Armenia - a landlocked, blockaded nation of limited means - with the resources needed to support transitional programs for at-risk refugees, including short-term housing/rental assistance and social and economic integration initiatives? B5

16. Chairman Royce and Ranking Member Engel are leading a bipartisan initiative - known as the Royce-Engel Peace Proposals - to keep the peace in and around Nagorno Karabakh.

    The proposals call for 1) the placement of OSCE-monitored, advanced gunfire locator systems and sound-ranging equipment along the line of contact to determine the source of attacks, 2) the addition of OSCE observers along the line of contact, and 3) an agreement on the non-deployment of snipers, heavy arms, and any new military hardware along the line of contact.

    The State Department has endorsed these cease-fire strengthening proposals, as has the OSCE, Armenia, and Nagorno Karabakh. Only Azerbaijan opposes the Royce-Engel proposals, effectively obstructing their implementation.

Will the Department of State support U.S. funding for the Royce-Engel peace proposals? B5

17. Would you support a suspension of U.S. military aid to Azerbaijan until its government ceases its attacks against Armenia and Nagorno-Karabagh, ends its threat of renewed war, and agrees to the peaceful resolution of regional conflicts? B5

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18. In the wake of the 2015 signing of a U.S.-Armenia Trade and Investment Framework Agreement, we witnessed a surge in U.S. commercial engagement in Armenia - including, as reported by our Ambassador, Richard Mills, upwards of $500,000,000 in new American investments in Armenia's energy and mining sectors. Similarly, a new U.S.-Armenia Double Tax Treaty, by establishing a clear legal framework for investors and individuals who have business activities in both jurisdictions, will facilitate the further expansion of U.S.-Armenia economic relations, by eliminating the threat of double taxation.

    Will you engage with the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the mutual benefits of negotiating a U.S.-Armenia Double Tax Treaty? [redacted] B5

19. In December 2015, the General Assembly approved the UN Regular Budget, which was about $400 million less than the prior biennial budget, and moved to reassess staff compensation in order to save the organization more money. In addition, the UN has implemented a strategy to improve the cost-efficiency of peacekeeping missions, helping to reduce the cost per peacekeeper by 18% and reduce the number of support personnel in the field by 3,000. These reforms came as a result of the U.S. being fully engaged at the UN. Currently, Ambassador Haley and UN Secretary-General Guterres are working closely together to push forward on further reforms to the institution, particularly with regards to its peacekeeping missions. How do the President's proposed cuts to UN funding fit into that overall strategy? Aren't we undermining our own negotiating position by pushing for deep cuts before Ambassador Haley's reform push has even fully gotten off the ground? Why would any other UN member states, to say nothing of our allies, support any U.S.-backed reform proposals with the knowledge that the U.S. just plans to unilaterally reduce its financial contributions anyways? [redacted] B5

20. Do you feel that UN supported peacekeeping is an important example of burden-sharing by countries across the globe? [redacted] B5

21. The Administration's FY'18 budget proposes cutting the Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA) account, which funds our peacekeeping dues, by more than $700 million from final FY'17 levels. This would potentially deny critical resources to peacekeeping missions that are manifestly in our interests and that we voted to support on the Security Council; withhold troop reimbursement payments from countries who contribute troops to peacekeeping operations; and alienate our allies, effectively undercutting our reform efforts. This Administration, and many in this very body, have complained that the U.S. assessment rate for UN peacekeeping activities—which is currently just over 28.4%--is too high. While I'm sympathetic to the idea that all member states need to pay their fair share for core UN activities and functions, this fixation on the U.S. assessment rate ignores the significant personnel contributions made by other countries to UN peacekeeping operations. This is not a trivial matter: peacekeeping has increasingly become more dangerous in recent years, and over the last decade, more than 1,100 UN peacekeepers have died in the field. Do you think these types of contributions should be taken into account when considering the appropriate level of U.S. financial support for peacekeeping? When we fail to honor our financial commitments to UN

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peacekeeping—as your budget request would have us do—what message does this send to countries who send their sons and daughters into harm's way to carry out Security Council mandates that we ourselves have drafted? B5

22. Some have argued that the U.S. should withdraw from the UN Human Rights Council. Over the past six years though, we have seen a number of positive outcomes from U.S. engagement. The Council voted to dispatch a team to investigate human rights violations committed by ISIS in Iraq; continues to scrutinize and bring attention to the dire human rights situation in Iran; authorized a groundbreaking investigation into human rights violations in North Korea; created a mechanism to push for the prevention and elimination of child and forced marriage, and saw a dramatic reduction in the number of special sessions on Israel. This record of success is markedly different than when the U.S. was not involved in the Council from 2007-2009. While the Council still has its flaws, the overwhelming view of human rights organizations is the U.S. should continue to engage with it. Is it the U.S.'s intention to withdraw from the UNHRC? If so, why? What impact would you expect withdrawal to have? If the U.S. does not see the UNHRC as a viable body, will the Trump Administration seek to replace it or enact serious reforms? B5

23. In a June 5th press statement entitled "Pulling U.S. from UN Human Rights Council Could Endanger Lives around the Globe", HRC Global Director Ty Cobb argued that: "U.S. foreign policy must protect and promote human rights. Turning away from the Council would signal to brutal regimes—and all those they oppress—that the U.S. is looking the other way. Without U.S. leadership, despotic leaders will be emboldened to control the agenda and push their own goals." Given the central role played by the U.S. elevating discussion of LGBT rights at the Council, what message do you think a U.S. withdrawal would send to advocates of LGBT equality and inclusion around the world? B5

24. The Administration's FY'18 request seeks to reduce funding for the Contributions to International Organizations (CIO) account, which funds U.S. assessments for more than 40 multilateral organizations, by nearly $400 million from final FY'17 levels. The CIO account funds U.S. contributions to the UN Regular Budget, which in turn finances the UN's sanction monitoring activities. How do you square the Administration's support for multilateral sanctions on North Korea, with its unwillingness to fully fund its share of mechanisms—such as the UN panel of experts and North Korea sanctions committee—that monitor international compliance with these measures? B5

25. The Global Development Lab at USAID is among the many cuts in the President's proposed budget. The Lab is structured to bring in new ideas, new partners, and a new way of thinking into government. It can also be argued that part of its rationale for existing is that it ascribes to the theory that all of the best ideas don't come from inside government. How does zeroing out an office that seeks to bring in new partners and ideas from outside the government fit into your ambitions to transform development? B5

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26. I am disturbed by the proposed budget cuts to critical, life-saving development programs and the potential diminishment of USAID – our lead development agency – as part of this administration's reorganization efforts. It is vital that USAID remain independent and fully capable of achieving our aid objectives abroad. Please tell me:

    a. How will you advise the President regarding the role of and independence needed for USAID to successfully achieve its mission?
    b. How will a Senate-confirmed USAID Administrator engage in the administration's reorganization effort? Particularly since the administration requires agencies to submit a draft plan to OMB by June 30th?
    c. Given the importance of any reform and reorganization effort, will you commit to consulting with Congress and the development community throughout the reorganization process? B5

27. Based on your experience, what do you think are the comparative advantages of State and USAID's missions, timelines, projects, and personnel? Where do you see efficiencies that may be gained? B5

28. Please describe the relationship between the administration's reorganization planning that is currently underway and the State Department-USAID Joint Strategic Review process and how these efforts are being coordinated. B5

29. Starting with President George W. Bush's 2002 national security strategy, there has been bipartisan consensus that U.S. global leadership is a three-legged stool of defense, diplomacy, and development. Republicans and Democrats in Congress and the Administration have carried out significant reforms to our diplomatic engagement and how we ensure that development activities are effective and aligned with broader U.S. foreign and national security policy. Do you agree that these three tenets are critical to an effective U.S. foreign policy? How are you coordinating with Secretary Mattis and the Pentagon on a comprehensive national security strategy that effectively utilizes both our military and civilian tools? B5

30. China's official development assistance to African countries has increased by more than 780% since 2003. And just last month, President Xi Jinping pledged $124 billion for a new global infrastructure and development initiative called "One Belt One Road." At the same time, the Administration is proposing to close nine USAID missions and eliminate economic and development assistance to 37 countries around the world. Are you concerned that these cutbacks could provide an opening for countries like China and Russia to exert additional influence? B5

31. Given the uptick of anti-Semitic hate crimes both in the United States and abroad…

    Where on the State Department's priority list will fighting anti-Semitism fall and in particular U.S. cooperation with law enforcement to protect Jewish communities in Europe? B5

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What is your timeline for nominating a Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism? Should this be elevated to an Ambassador-at-large position?

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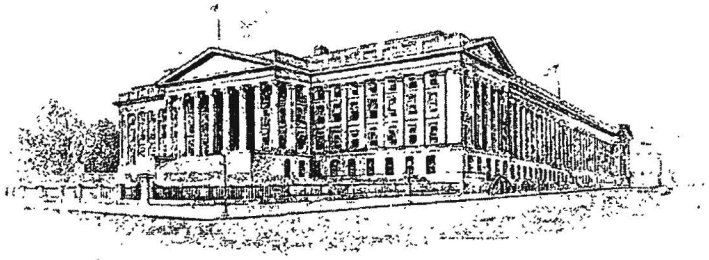
Does this Administration support Duterte's extrajudicial killing of drug addicts? Do you personally agree with this policy? B5

What actions is the Department taking to assert our position on human rights while also ensuring that we don't rupture the U.S.-Philippines alliance relationship? B5

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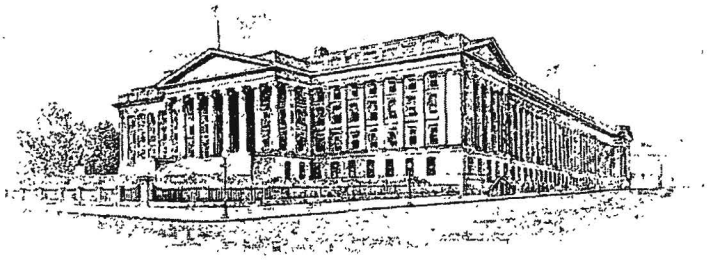
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SECRETARY MNUCHIN'S STATEMENT ON TODAY'S DPRK ACTIONS

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This proposed rule will require U.S. banks to ensure that the Bank of Dandong does not access the U.S. financial system directly or indirectly through other foreign banks. This action reaffirms the Treasury Department's commitment to ensure that North Korea is cut off from the U.S. financial system.

In addition, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control has sanctioned two individuals and one entity for their continued support of North Korea's activities.

While today's actions are directed at Chinese individuals and entities, we look forward to continuing to work closely with the Government of China to stop illicit financing involving North Korea. We are in no way targeting China with these actions. We will be meeting with China and other countries at the G-20 next week to further our efforts to cut off North Korea's illicit activities.

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Heather--please see below for some points on today's sanctions. [redacted] B5

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Brian--I worked these out with David Feith. Please let me know if you have any changes.

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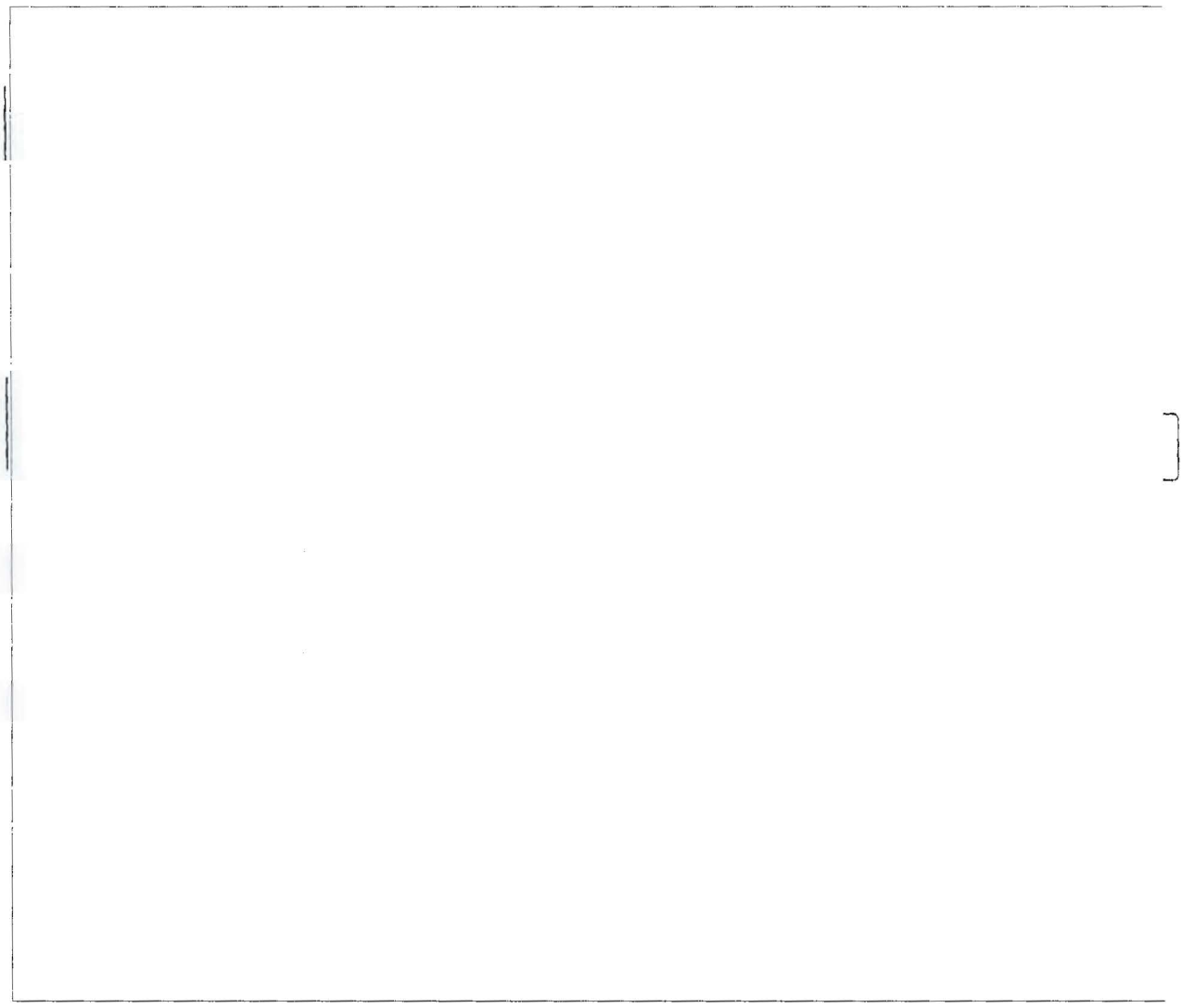
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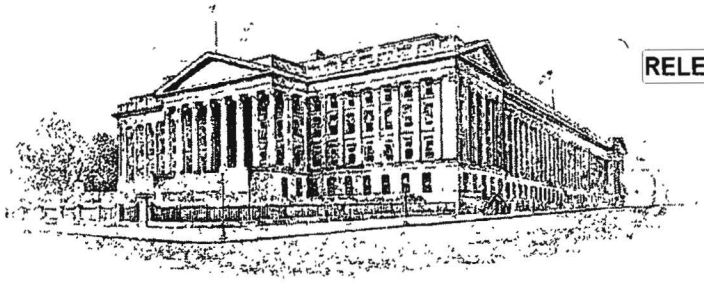
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Many thanks, clear for s/p, a few additional suggested edits in addition to Peter's

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Clear, couple minor suggestions

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All,
Please clear the attached PG no later than noon. The PG is drawn from Treasury's cleared guidance and previously cleared PG. No new language. The SPOX will also have the Treasury PG for the briefing.

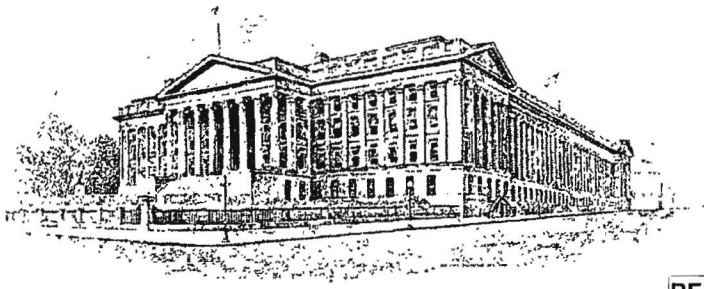
Thanks,

Kelly McKellogg Swaine
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For identifying information on the individuals and entity designated today, click here.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: RE: S meeting with Mnuchin

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Handed it in as this:

Secretary Tillerson-Secretary Mnuchin Meeting
3:00-3:30 pm in the Secretary's Outer Office

Mnuchin will be joined by Chief of Staff Eli Miller and U/S Sigal Mandelker

Eli told me this is their list of topics for S when they meet today:

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From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Subject: S meeting with Mnuchin

For the Mnuchin meeting he will be joined by his chief of staff Eli Miller and U/S Sigal Mandelker (she was confirmed last week).

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan-L
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Outzen, Richard H
Subject: FW: CLEARANCE REQ 2PM: Amb Bilat QA
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Subject: CLEARANCE REQ 2PM: Amb Bilat QA

Colleagues,

Kindly request your review of the attached AMB QAs no later than 2pm, they have already been cleared by the relevant offices. Please let me know if you have concerns or edits as soon as possible.

Best,

Mariel Garcia
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Bilateral Relations

Q: What is the status of the U.S.-Russia relationship? *(response previously cleared for D nominee Q&A)*

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A:

- The United States is open to pragmatic cooperation with Russia in areas that benefit the American people. At the same time, we will hold Russia accountable for meeting its international obligations and commitments and will deter Russia from actions that would undermine international security.

- As Secretary Tillerson has observed, the relationship is now at a low point and there is an absence of trust on both sides. We are interested in taking steps to improve our communication to address the many issues on which we disagree.

- The United States remains committed to upholding Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Russia must honor its commitments under the Minsk agreements. Russia must take the first steps, starting with de-escalating the violence in Ukraine. Sanctions will remain until Russia fully implements the Minsk agreements. Our policy of non-recognition of Russia' Crimea has not changed and Crimea-related sanctions will remain until Moscow restores control of the peninsula to Kyiv.

- The United States and Russia continue to implement the New START Treaty in a pragmatic manner. While both sides continue to work to meet the New START Treaty central limits, we continue to monitor Russia's strategic nuclear modernization and implementation of the Treaty. We also remain concerned about Russia's violation of the INF Treaty - an issue with real security implications and an impediment to strategic stability and future progress on arms control agreements.

- The United States engages Russia on national security priorities, including defeating ISIS, countering terrorism, and dealing with key security concerns related to arms control, nonproliferation, DPRK, Afghanistan, space and the Arctic. The United States has also worked with Russia to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

- The United States is willing to work with Russia to bolster the efforts of the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS to defeat ISIS, which the Secretary has repeatedly emphasized is our number one priority in the Middle East. We continue to use the de-confliction channel, which has been effective in enabling stakeholders to safely conduct operations in Syria against ISIS, a common enemy that threatens us all.

- We also hope Russia will do its part to de-escalate violence throughout Syria and create the conditions for a negotiated political process.

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Q: Russia interfered in our elections. It clearly has no interest in productive engagement with the United States. Why is the Trump administration interested in trying to cooperate with such an adversary? *(response pulled from S June Budget testimony and PG)*

A:

- When the Secretary went to Moscow to meet Foreign Minister Lavrov, and had a two-hour meeting with President Putin, he came out of those meetings and said our relationship is at the lowest level it's been since the Cold War, and it is spiraling down. And he said the two greatest nuclear powers in the world cannot have this kind of a relationship. We have to stabilize it, and we have to start finding a way back.

- The President has asked the Secretary to begin a re-engagement process with Russia. The goal there is to see if we can first stabilize that relationship so it does not deteriorate further, and then identify areas of mutual interest where perhaps we can begin to rebuild some level of trust, some level of confidence, that there are areas where we can work together.

- And so our engagement with the Russians continues in order to explore options to improve U.S.-Russia relations. As we have said many times before, the United States is open to working with Russia where we can find areas of practical cooperation that will benefit the American people.

- Having said that, we have a number of troubling issues with them in front of us that we have to deal with.

- We are not ignoring these issues and but it is not in the best interests of the American public, or the United States' partners and Allies, to cease dealing with Russia.

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Q: What do you see as the major challenges facing our relationship? *(response pulled from S June Budget testimony and PG)*

A:

- Currently, our bilateral relationship is at a low point. The level of trust between our two nations is the lowest it has been since the Cold War.

- The President has asked Secretary Tillerson to begin a re-engagement process with Russia to see if we can first stabilize the relationship, and then identify areas of mutual interest where we can begin to rebuild some level of trust. If confirmed, I will what I can to help promote this outcome.

- Where we do not see eye to eye with Russia, the United States will continue to stand up for the interests and values of America, our allies, and our partners.

- Russian involvement in Ukraine will remain a significant obstacle to improving U.S.-Russian relations. If Russia wants to move the U.S.-Russia bilateral relationship to a better place, it needs to begin by making a visible, verifiable, and irreversible improvement in the security situation in eastern Ukraine now.

- Russia sees the world differently than we do. It flouts the principles of post-Cold War order in Europe it helped establish, including the most fundamental obligation to respect international borders – instead Russia has used military force to redraw its border, clear to us all by its attempt to annex Ukraine's Crimean peninsula. We must be clear-eyed about Russia's transgressions, frank in our dialogue with Russia, and resolute in raising the costs of their behavior.

- Russia must take the first step to rebuilding trust and our relationship. If confirmed, I will continue to drive this message home in Moscow.

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Q: Why were recent bilateral talks in St. Petersburg cancelled? What did you plan to discuss? Will they be rescheduled? *(response pulled from SPOX statement and S June testimony)*

A:

- Undersecretary Shannon had planned to travel to St. Petersburg on June 23 to continue discussions that began in May when he met with Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov in New York.

- It is a shame that Russia decided to cancel the meeting; it is a missed opportunity to discuss bilateral obstacles that hinder U.S.-Russia relations.

- I understand that the idea for these discussions stemmed from the Secretary's April visit to Moscow, when he and Foreign Minister Lavrov agreed to establish a senior-level working group to discuss bilateral issues of concern.

- It is important that the U.S. government discuss the various issues that have been problematic between our countries for some time, some of which are continuing to worsen. The idea is to begin working on some of these issues and see if we can solve them before we move on to others. If confirmed, I push for resolution of some of these issues so that we can move our relationship to a more stable footing.

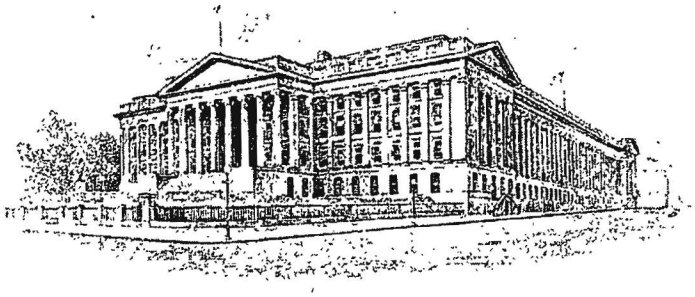
- You would have to ask the Russian government why they decided to cancel this meeting.

- The maintenance package of sanctions issued by the Treasury Department prior to the planned June 23 meeting was designed to counter attempts to circumvent the sanctions and to maintain alignment of U.S. measures with those of international partners. I understand that the sanctions have been regularly updated since they were first imposed.

- If confirmed I will continue to reiterate to the Russians that if seek an end to these sanctions, they know very well the U.S. position: The sanctions on Russia related to Russia's ongoing aggression in eastern Ukraine will remain in place until Russia fully honors its commitments under the Minsk agreements. Sanctions related to Crimea will not be lifted until Russia ends its occupation of the peninsula and returns control of it to Kyiv.

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SECRETARY MNUCHIN'S STATEMENT ON TODAY'S DPRK ACTIONS

Today the Trump Administration is continuing its efforts against the Government of North Korea. Despite multiple UN Security Council resolutions imposing international sanctions, the Government of North Korea continues its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network has found the Bank of Dandong to be a foreign financial institution of primary money laundering concern under Section 311 of the USA PATRIOT Act. This bank has served as a gateway for North Korea to access the U.S. and international financial systems – facilitating millions of dollars of transactions for companies involved in North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs. The United States will not stand for such actions.

This proposed rule will require U.S. banks to ensure that the Bank of Dandong does not access the U.S. financial system directly or indirectly through other foreign banks. This action reaffirms the Treasury Department's commitment to ensure that North Korea is cut off from the U.S. financial system.

In addition, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control has sanctioned two individuals and one entity for their continued support of North Korea's activities.

While today's actions are directed at Chinese individuals and entities, we look forward to continuing to work closely with the Government of China to stop illicit financing involving North Korea. We are in no way targeting China with these actions. We will be meeting with China and other countries at the G-20 next week to further our efforts to cut off North Korea's illicit activities.

North Korea's provocative, destabilizing, and inhumane behavior will not be tolerated. We are committed to targeting North Korea's external enablers and maximizing economic pressure on the regime until it ceases its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

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From: Yun, Joseph Y
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 2:49 PM
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D; Hattingh, Elizabeth F
Subject: FW: [redacted] Next Week B5

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Greg, Elizabeth:

If I could have 5 mins with D, anytime today—even late—or tomorrow morning, that'd be great. Joe

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From: Sullivan, John J
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Yun, Joseph Y; Thornton, Susan A; Peterlin, Margaret JA
Subject: RE: [redacted] Next Week B5

OK, thanks Joe. Good that they reached out to us first.

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From: Yun, Joseph Y
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Thornton, Susan A <ThorntonSA@state.gov>; Peterlin, Margaret JA <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>; Sullivan, John J <SullivanJJ2@state.gov>
Subject: RE [redacted] Next Week B5

[redacted] B5

[redacted] If I could talk to you before I go, that'd be great. B5

From: Sullivan, John J <SullivanJJ2@state.gov>
Date: June 29, 2017 at 11:16:16 AM EDT
To: Peterlin, Margaret JA <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>, Yun, Joseph Y <YunJY@state.gov>, Thornton, Susan A <ThorntonSA@state.gov>
Subject: RE: [redacted] Next Week B5

Thanks Joe. Any suggestion of what [redacted]? B5

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Subject: [redacted] Next Week B5

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If you agree, as before, [redacted] B5

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Cc: Ramos, Laura C.; [redacted] PACOM J52; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL B6
Subject: RE: For Clearance: Monday: 12:00pm: AA for ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial

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Good afternoon colleagues!

Please provide your clearances to the draft AA for the ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial in August.

The main USG intervention is under Agenda Item 3: *Exchange of Views on Regional and International Issues*, starting from page 3, focusing on [redacted] B5

Please send comments to me by noon on Monday, July 3rd.

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Thanks!

Best Regards,

Jessica Lin
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Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015
Attachments: CABLE JUNE 29 2017 CHINA DPRK Related SANCTIONS_STATE Clearance.docx

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Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Tabron, Elizabeth J <TabronEJ@state.gov>; Foley, Philip <FoleyPh@state.gov>; Kim, Shaun <KimS4@state.gov>; Mayes, James L <MayesJL@state.gov>; Tucker, Maureen E <TuckerME@state.gov>; Higgins, Scott C <HigginsSC@state.gov>; Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>; Salvo, David V <SalvoDV@state.gov>; Mihailescu, Andrea R <MihailescuAR@state.gov>; Weare, Jessica K <WeareJK@state.gov>; Nagy, Nathan <NagyN@state.gov>; Ouimet, Matthew J <OuimetMJ@state.gov>; Evans, Peter O <EvansPO1@state.gov>; Caruso, Andrew N <CarusoAN@state.gov>; Lee, David Y <LeeDY@state.gov>; Almquist, Peter B <AlmquistPB@state.gov>
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To: Foley, Philip; Kim, Shaun; Mayes, James L; Tucker, Maureen E; Higgins, Scott C; Biers, Dan L; Salvo, David V; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Weare, Jessica K; Nagy, Nathan; Wang, Mimi; Ouimet, Matthew J; Evans, Peter O; Caruso, Andrew N; Lee, David Y; Almquist, Peter B
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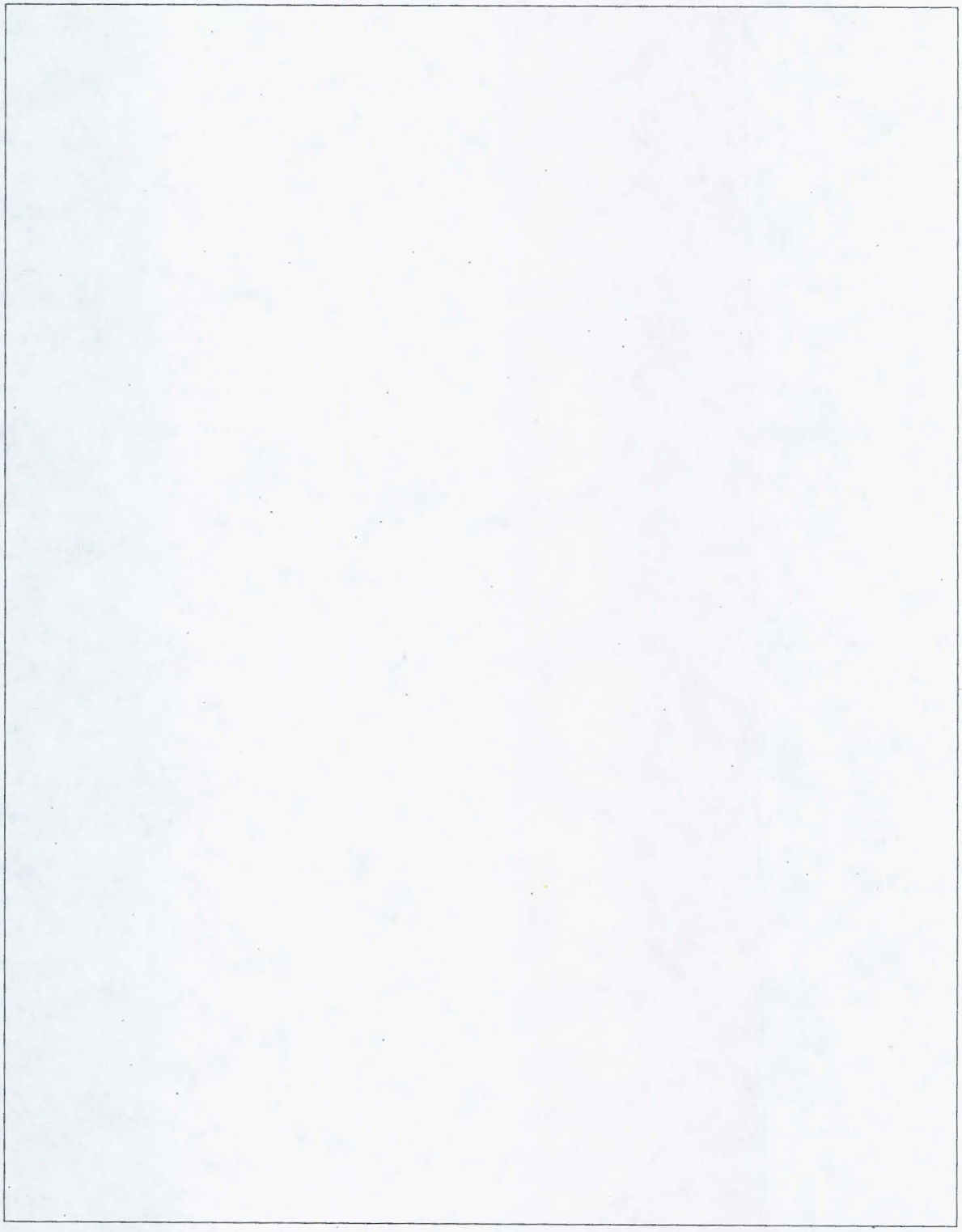
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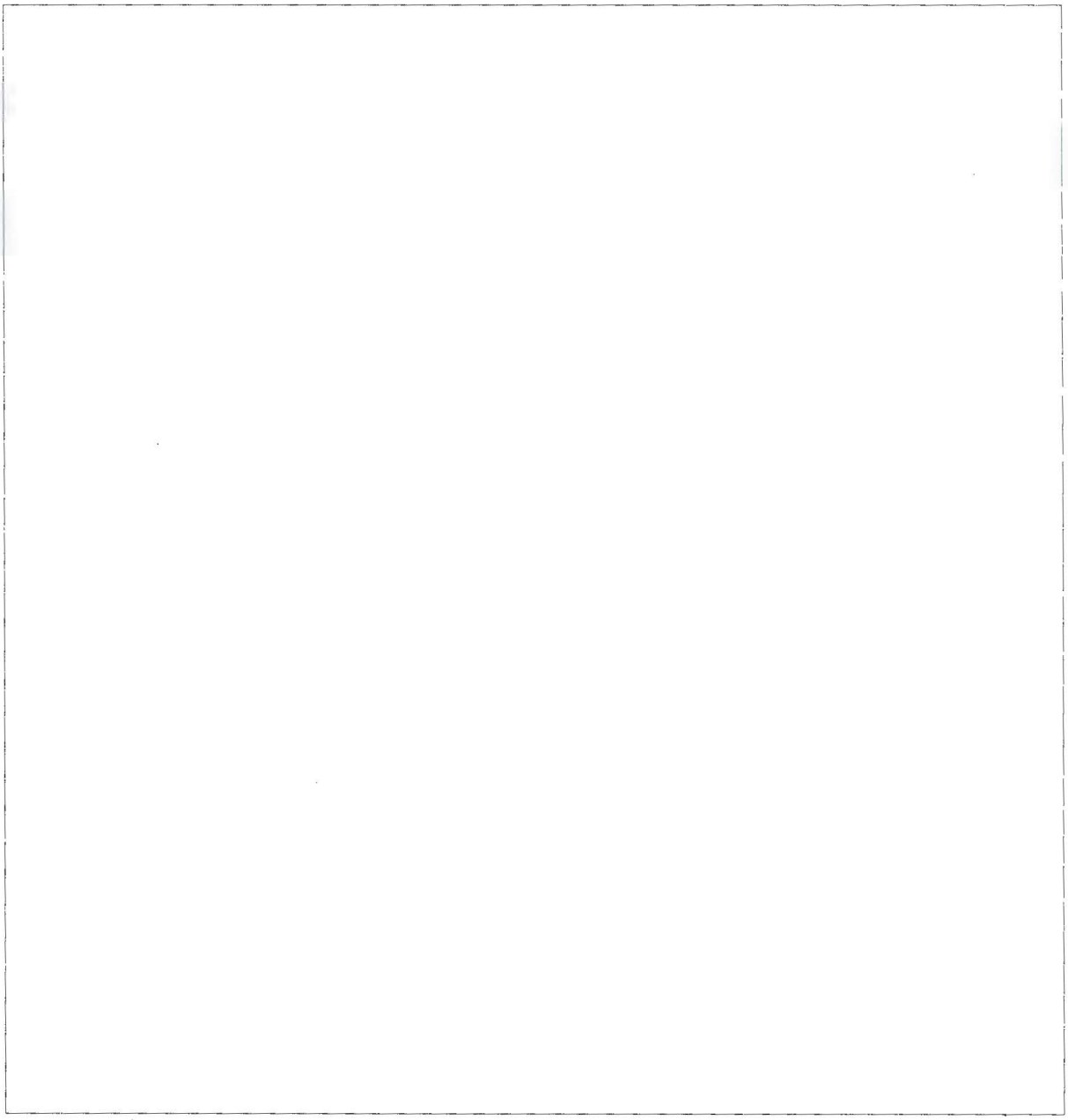
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Drafted: EB/TFS/SPI Elizabeth Tabron, ext. 7-3188

Approved: EB: Ben Barron (Acting)

Cleared:

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ISN/RA	Shaun Kim	()
ISN/MBC	James Mayes	()
ISN/CATR	Allison Callery	()
ISN/CPI	Blair Keithley	()
T	Maureen Tucker	()
P	Scott Higgins	()
S/P	Dan Biers	()
D	David Salvo	()
D/CSP	Andrea Mihailescu	()
EB/TFS	Jay Jallorina	()
EB/TFS	Kristen Erthum	(ok)
L/EB	Jessica Karbowski	()
L/NPV	Nathan Nagy	()
EAP/K	Mimi Wang	()
IO/PSC	Matthew Ouimet	()
EAP/CM	Peter Evans	()
EUR/PRA	Andrew Caruso	()
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DHS DEPUTY SECRETARY ELAINE C. DUKE
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Approved: SNKP: Ambassador Joe Yun

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Cleared: D: Kate Nanavatty
L/DL: Lela Scott OK
L/EAP: Bob Harris Info
OFM: Alice Church OK

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Evans, Peter O
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:40 PM
To: Biers, Dan L
Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:57 PM
To: Klemm, Christopher G
Subject: FW: RE: Tillerson Appointment Request 2017 Draft 1 (4).doc.docx
Attachments: Action Memo - Appointment Request (Person or Event).docx; Briefing ChecklistAwards2017S.docx; TABSforActionMemoS2017.doc

Chris,

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I already asked to be put as info by request yesterday when I reviewed.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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From: Kidd, Patricia E
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 2:59 PM
To: D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>
Subject: FW: RE: Tillerson Appointment Request 2017 Draft 1 (4).doc.docx

Elizabeth,
Over to you for clearance.

Thanks,
Pat

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From: Klemm, Christopher G
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 2:41 PM
To: D_Assistants <D_Assistants@state.gov>; R_Clearances <R_Clearances@state.gov>
Subject: FW: RE: Tillerson Appointment Request 2017 Draft 1 (4).doc.docx

Hi;

Could you please clear this by COB tomorrow (June 30)? If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

Thanks,

Chris Klemm
HR/PC
73822

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klemmcg@state.gov
Deputy Labor Management Negotiator

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From: Eatmon, Frederica P - DG
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:19 AM
To: Parisi, Concettina E; Klemm, Christopher G
Cc: HR Staffers
Subject: RE: Tillerson Appointment Request 2017 Draft 1 (4).doc.docx

There is new guidance for appt. request. A BCL and bio must be attached to all appt. request for the Secretary if you are recommending that he participate in a meeting/event. I've attached the new format for your use.

Freddie Eatmon
Special Assistant
Office of the Director General of the Foreign Service
and Director of Human Resources
DGHR
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From: Parisi, Concettina E
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Washington, Adrienne M
Cc: HR Staffers
Subject: Tillerson Appointment Request 2017 Draft 1 (4).doc.docx

As of right now I need D and R clearances. All others have been obtained. I will check again later tonight and tomorrow while on leave to ensure this goes to the Secretary asap! Tina

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(SBU) The Secretary's 2017 AFSA High School Essay Contest Winner Photo Request
August 4, 2017, 2:00pm-2:15pm

CONTEXT

(SBU) That you take a photo with the winner of the American Foreign Service Association's (AFSA) Annual High School Essay Winner, Nicholas DeParle.

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Biographic Information
Winning Essay

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Approved: DGHR – William Todd, Acting

Drafted: HR/PC – Christopher Klemm, ext. 7-3822 and home/cell: [redacted] B6

Cleared:
HR/PC: Michelle Esperdy ok
DGHR: Catherine Rodriguez ok
M: Deborah "Duffy" Winters ok
D_Assistants:
P: Scott Higgins ok
S/P: Edward Lacey ok
PA: Katie Hallock ok
R_Clearances:

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Attendee Bios

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Nicholas DeParle

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Dan Biers [redacted] B6
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 6:30 AM
To: Biers, Dan L
Subject: Dialogues

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W/ Japan:

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Trilateral:

Policy Planning Priorities [redacted] B5

W/ ROK

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 7:35 AM
To: Stoebe, Danielle M
Subject: Fwd: status of policy trackers

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Remind me please.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Peterlin, Margaret JA" <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>
Date: June 30, 2017 at 7:09:42 AM EDT
To: "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>
Cc: "Brown, Clinton S" <BrownCS@state.gov>
Subject: status of policy trackers

Brian,

Hey.

Checking on the status of the policy tracking documents. He just has the one for DPRK.

Thanks.
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From:	Hook, Brian H
Sent:	Friday, June 30, 2017 7:34 AM
To:	Peterlin, Margaret JA
Cc:	Brown, Clinton S
Subject:	Re: status of policy trackers

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Mexico is done and I need to clear on it today. Will check on the others.

On Jun 30, 2017, at 7:09 AM, Peterlin, Margaret JA <PeterlinMJA@state.gov> wrote:

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From: David Feith [redacted] B6
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: Re: DPRK speech

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Good to talk, thanks for calling. Meant to tell you, I had a great breakfast with Pottinger yesterday (on Mike Gallagher's introduction).

Will work this weekend on more speech language per our discussion. Happy 4th--

On Wed, Jun 28, 2017 at 12:28 PM David Feith [redacted] wrote: B6
Brian, just checking to confirm that I should continue waiting on your comments.

I have some thoughts on additional material we might add, including on the Secretary's vision of US foreign-policy aims broadly [redacted] B5

Thanks.

C: [redacted] B6

On Fri, Jun 23, 2017 at 7:20 PM, Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov> wrote:
Thanks for drafting this. I will read and get back to you. I will gently talk with [redacted] You have the pen. I already covered this with him. B6

On Jun 23, 2017, at 7:17 PM, David Feith [redacted] wrote: B6

Brian, hope your meetings with the Chinese this week were productive. [redacted] B6

[redacted]

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I've been working on DPRK remarks [redacted] B5

[redacted]

When I met with [redacted] he said he'd already been working on draft language, [redacted] B6
[redacted] His impression is that he has the pen. I didn't feel it was my place to B5
question that, but I hope the material attached can help the process one way or another.

Page 1 of the document is a brief outline. The rest is a preliminary 1,800 words of text. (Secretary Mattis's speech recently in Singapore was about 3,800.)

Thanks.

C: [redacted] B6

<DPRK speech outline 2017 06 23.docx>

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: S Tasking Tracker_063017
Attachments: S Tasking Tracker_063017.docx

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Ciccone, Christine M
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Thornton, Susan A
Subject: RE: redesign cmtg

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No worries. Stay focused.

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From: Thornton, Susan A
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:36 AM
To: Ciccone, Christine M <CicconeCM@state.gov>
Subject: Re: redesign cmtg

Then I'm not sure it can work - I need to travel to Asia for ASEAN Ministerials during first part of August and we have the North Korea and China files active. Our Executive Director Jennifer Bonner is excellent - I highly recommend her for this kind of assignment, if that helps.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Ciccone, Christine M
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 08:56
To: Thornton, Susan A
Subject: RE: redesign cmtg

Fairly intense between now and mid-Sept.

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From: Thornton, Susan A
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:56 PM
To: Ciccone, Christine M <CicconeCM@state.gov>
Subject: RE: redesign cmtg

Thanks, Christine. You know I'm interested and would love to do it, but we do have a lot going on. What is the timeframe/time commitment, do you know? I don't want to sign up if I can't do it right.

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From: Ciccone, Christine M
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:19 PM
To: Thornton, Susan A
Subject: redesign cmtg

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Hi Susan – wanted to chat briefing about your interest and availability to head up a committee that will be handling the redesign effort. You name was floated and I agree you would be great but also know you have a lot on your plate and do not want to compromise your ability to do your day job.

Christine M. Ciccone
Deputy Chief of Staff/Senior Advisor
Secretary Rex Tillerson
Department of State
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From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Salvo, David V
Subject: RE: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

Thanks. Looks fine. No issues.

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From: Salvo, David V
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 11:25 AM
To: D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>
Subject: FW: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015
Importance: High

Any issues with this cable? I'm happy to clear otherwise. Thanks.

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Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 11:05 AM
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Subject: RE: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015
Importance: High

All – Moving this request to the top of your inboxes and substituting a few folks with out of office messages. Your clearance as soon as possible is greatly appreciated.

Allison – Apologies if this is the first time you are seeing this clearance request. I believe I inadvertently left you off my initial email.

Best,
Elizabeth

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From: Weare, Jessica K
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Tabron, Elizabeth J; Evans, Peter O; Foley, Philip; Kim, Shaun; Mayes, James L; Tucker, Maureen E; Higgins, Scott C; Biers, Dan L; Salvo, David V; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Nagy, Nathan; Wang, Mimi; Ouimet, Matthew J; Caruso, Andrew N; Lee, David Y; Almquist, Peter B; O'Connor, Elizabeth M

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Cc: Keithley, Blair; Kraut, Benjamin; Jallorina, Jay J
Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

A few edits from me. Adding L/LEI.

Thanks,

Jess

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Thank you Peter – the goal is to hit send on this cable as soon as possible.

GREATLY APPRECIATE everyone's clearance as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

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Elizabeth

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To:	Biers, Dan L
Cc:	Battle, Raniesha J; Stoebe, Danielle M
Subject:	Re: policy planning w/ Japan and ROK

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I agree with all of the logistical and substantive plans. Let's sally forth.

On Jun 30, 2017, at 10:34 AM, Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov> wrote:

Good morning Brian:

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Dan

Dan Biers
Member, Policy Planning Staff
Department of State
202-647-3541 (office)
[redacted] (cell) B6

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 20, 2018

Case No. F-2017-14066

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated November 27, 2018, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed over 500 potentially responsive pages, and retrieved 24 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that the responsive information in 8 documents may be released in full, and the responsive information in 16 documents may be released in part.

All non-exempt, responsive material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Damon Taaffe at Damon.Taaffe@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2017-14066, and the civil action number, 18-cv-01321, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 12:48 PM
To: David Feith
Subject: Re: DPRK speech

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You'll be working a lot with Matt. Great.

On Jun 30, 2017, at 10:43 AM, David Feith < > wrote: B6

Good to talk, thanks for calling. Meant to tell you, I had a great breakfast with Pottinger yesterday (on Mike Gallagher's introduction).

Will work this weekend on more speech language per our discussion. Happy 4th--

On Wed, Jun 28, 2017 at 12:28 PM David Feith < > wrote: B6
Brian, just checking to confirm that I should continue waiting on your comments.

I have some thoughts on additional material we might add, including on the Secretary's vision of US foreign-policy aims broadly B5

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Thanks.

C: 301.802.0135.

On Fri, Jun 23, 2017 at 7:20 PM, Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov> wrote:
Thanks for drafting this. I will read and get back to you. I will gently talk with You have the pen. I already covered this with him. B6

On Jun 23, 2017, at 7:17 PM, David Feith < > wrote: B6

Brian, hope your meetings with the Chinese this week were productive B6

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[redacted] B6

I've been working on DPRK remarks [redacted] B5
[redacted] B5

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When I met with [redacted] he said he'd already been working on draft language. [redacted] B6
[redacted] His impression is that he has the pen. I didn't feel it was my place to B5
question that, but I hope the material attached can help the process one way or another.

Page 1 of the document is a brief outline. The rest is a preliminary 1,800 words of text. (Secretary Mattis's speech recently in Singapore was about 3,800.)

Thanks.

C: [redacted] B6

<DPRK speech outline 2017 06 23.docx>

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Harris, Robert K
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Mungara, Suraj S; Lin, Jessica Y; Nanavatty, Katharine B; McCandless, Daniel C; Biers, Dan L; Newbill, Michael A; Trenkle, Timothy P; Duvall, Linnea; Applegate, James D; Wang, Mimi; Kuo, Carson; Grubb, Richard F; Swaine, Kelly M; Urena, Michael A; Flynn, Sheila F (S/CCI); Avendasora, Deidra D; O'Brien, Gregory J; Sater, Mary C; Ortiz, Alexis J; Lewis, Oliver M; Riedel, Sarah S (Jakarta); Cardenas, Juan Pablo; Hooker, Deborah J; Nicolaidis, Constantinos C; Evans, Peter O; Bloom, Evan T (OES); Legal-EAP-DL
Cc: Ramos, Laura C.; [redacted] B6
Subject: RE: For Clearance: Monday: 12:00pm: AA for ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial
Attachments: 2017 Draft AA ARF Ministerial (2).docx

Suraj,

Attached are my edits, on which which I have not had a chance to coordinate with L/OES and OES/OPA. Once this is in final, it would be great to look again [redacted] B5

Have a great weekend.

Bob

From: Mungara, Suraj S
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:56 PM
To: Lin, Jessica Y; Nanavatty, Katharine B; McCandless, Daniel C; Biers, Dan L; Newbill, Michael A; Trenkle, Timothy P; Duvall, Linnea; Applegate, James D; Wang, Mimi; Kuo, Carson; Grubb, Richard F; Swaine, Kelly M; Urena, Michael A; Harris, Robert K; Flynn, Sheila F (S/CCI); Avendasora, Deidra D; O'Brien, Gregory J; Sater, Mary C; Ortiz, Alexis J; Lewis, Oliver M; Riedel, Sarah S (Jakarta); Cardenas, Juan Pablo; Hooker, Deborah J; Nicolaidis, Constantinos C; Evans, Peter O
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Subject: RE: For Clearance: Monday: 12:00pm: AA for ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial

Jessica, Colleagues,

Please note modified [redacted] in this version. B5

Thanks,
Suraj

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Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:03 PM
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Good afternoon colleagues!

Please provide your clearances to the draft AA for the ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial in August.

The main USG intervention is under Agenda Item 3: *Exchange of Views on Regional and International Issues*, starting from page 3, focusing on [redacted] B5

Please send comments to me by noon on Monday, July 3rd.

Thanks!

Best Regards,

Jessica Lin
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Multilateral Affairs Office (EAP/MLA)
U.S. Department of State
Office: 202-647-8815
Cell: [redacted] B6

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Secretary Tillerson's Participation in the
24th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Foreign Ministers' Meeting
Monday, Aug 07, 2017, 2:15 p.m., 2 hours 30 min (Retreat);
5:00p.m.,1 hour (Plenary)

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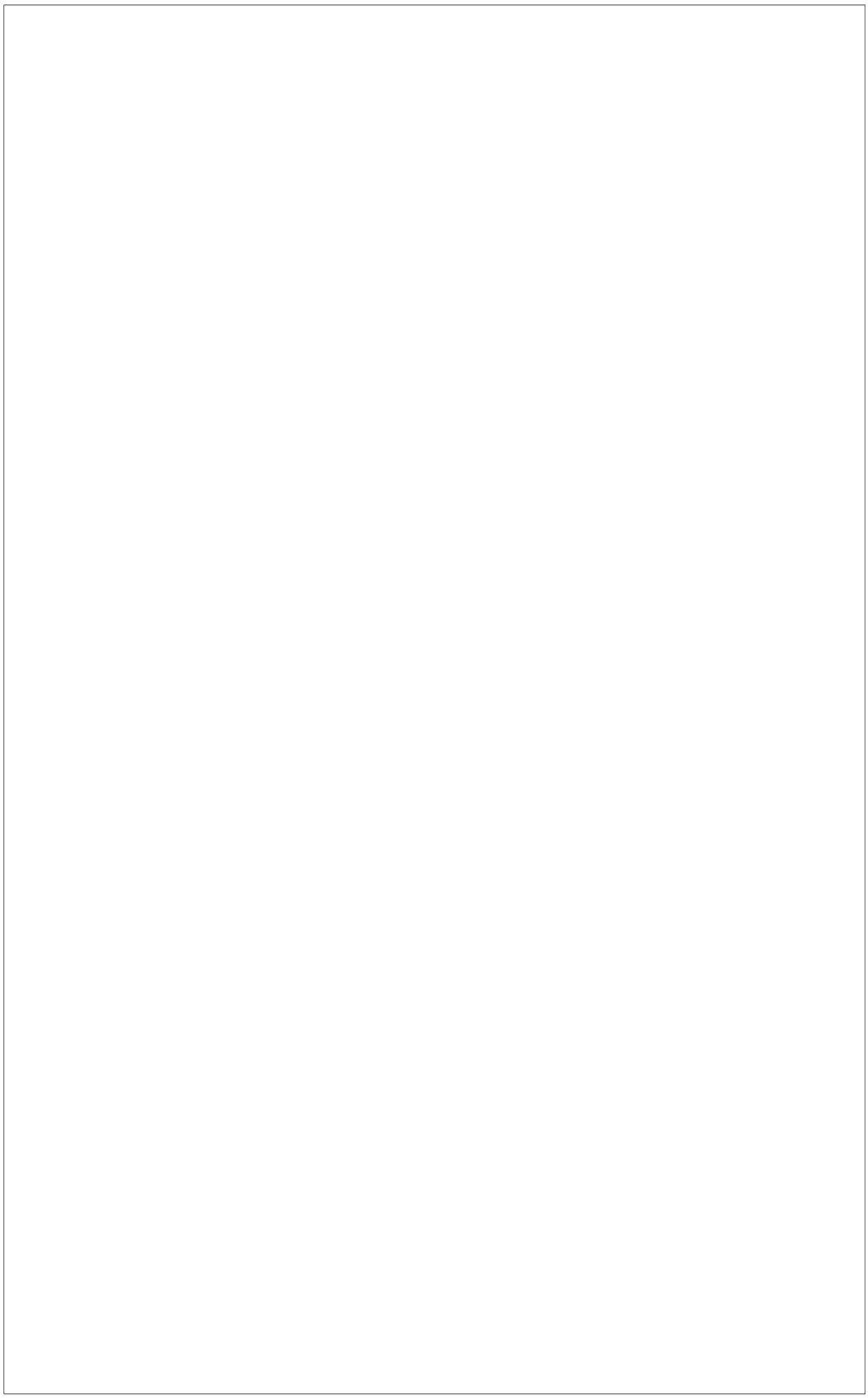
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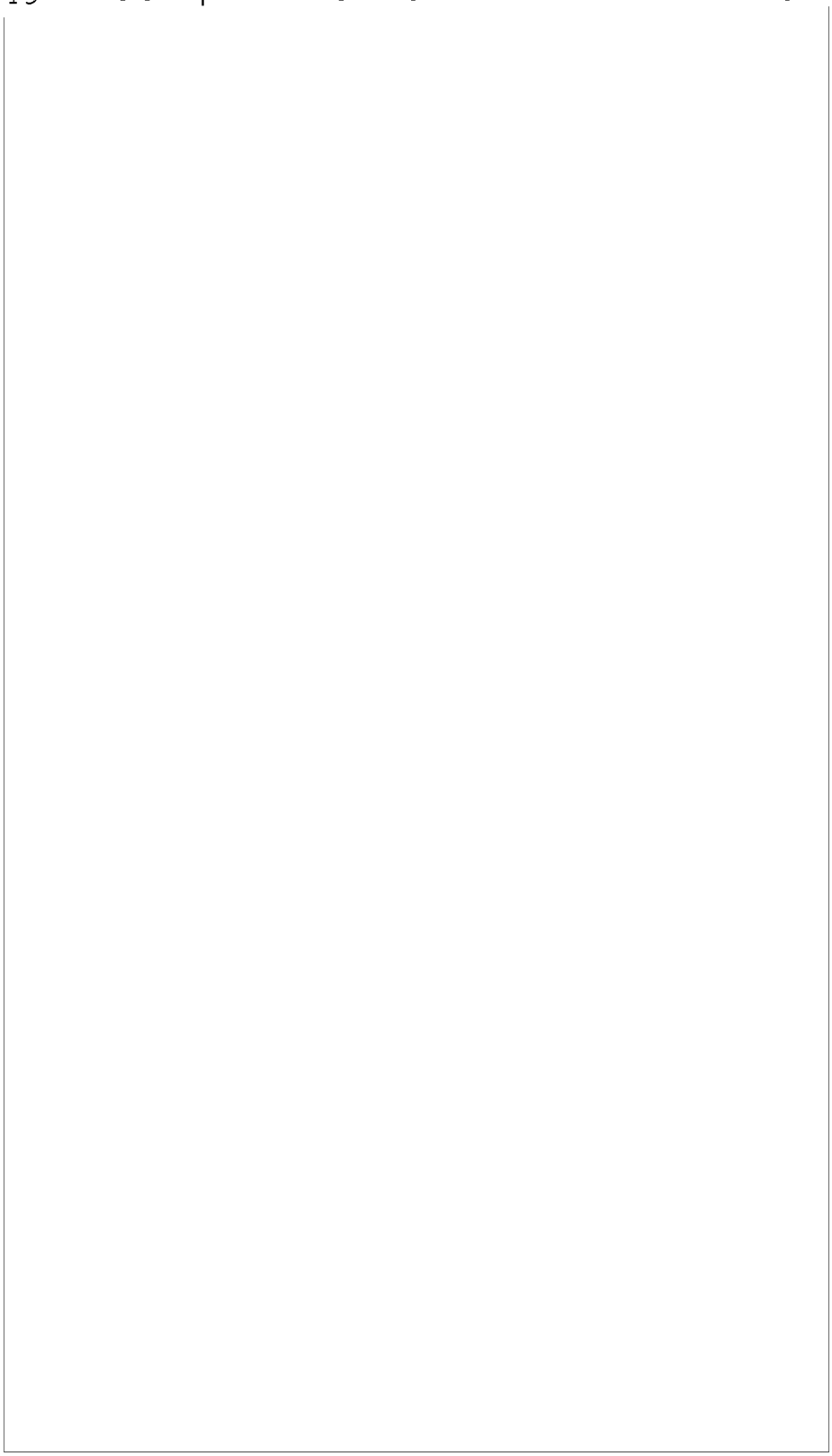
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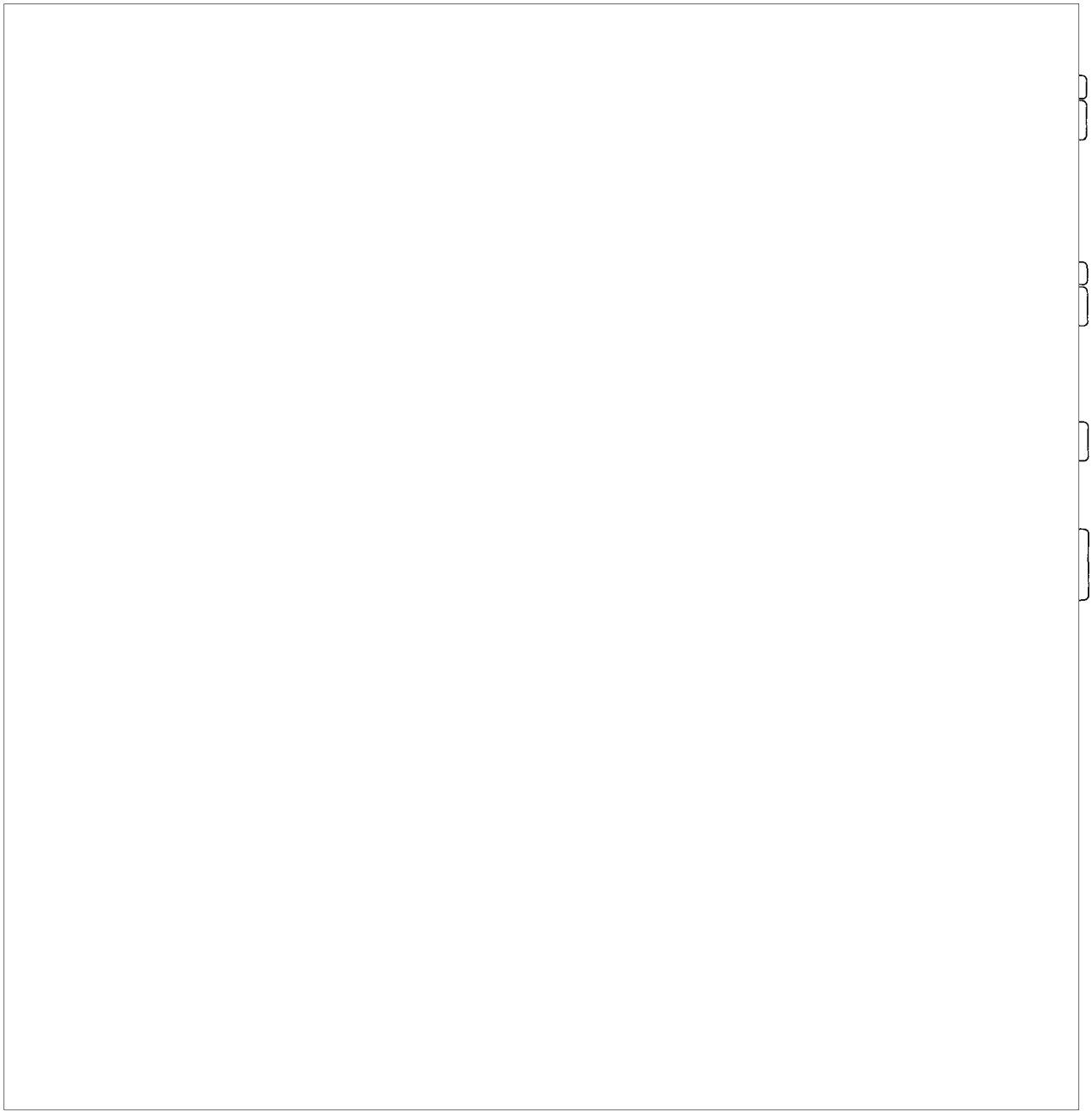
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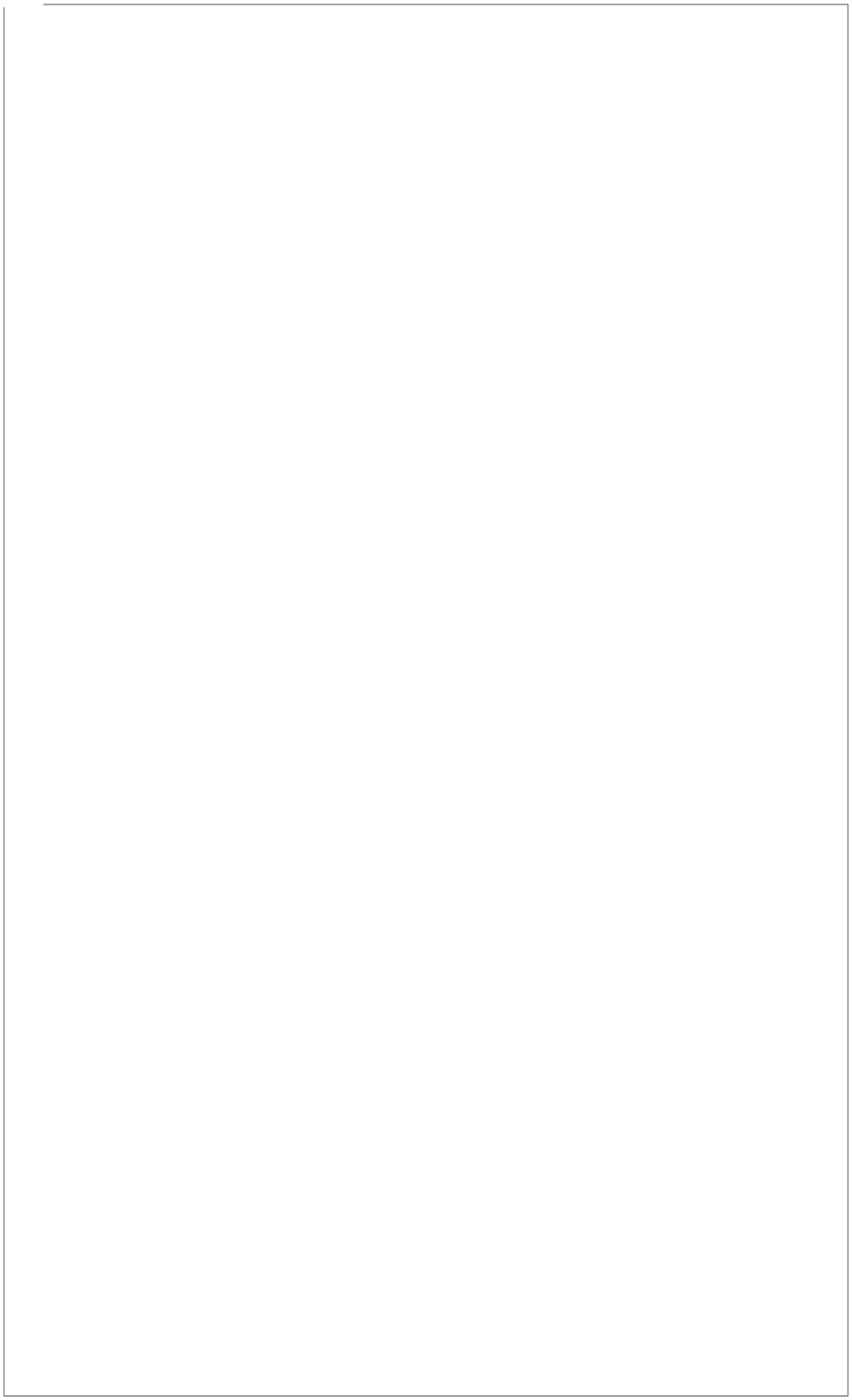
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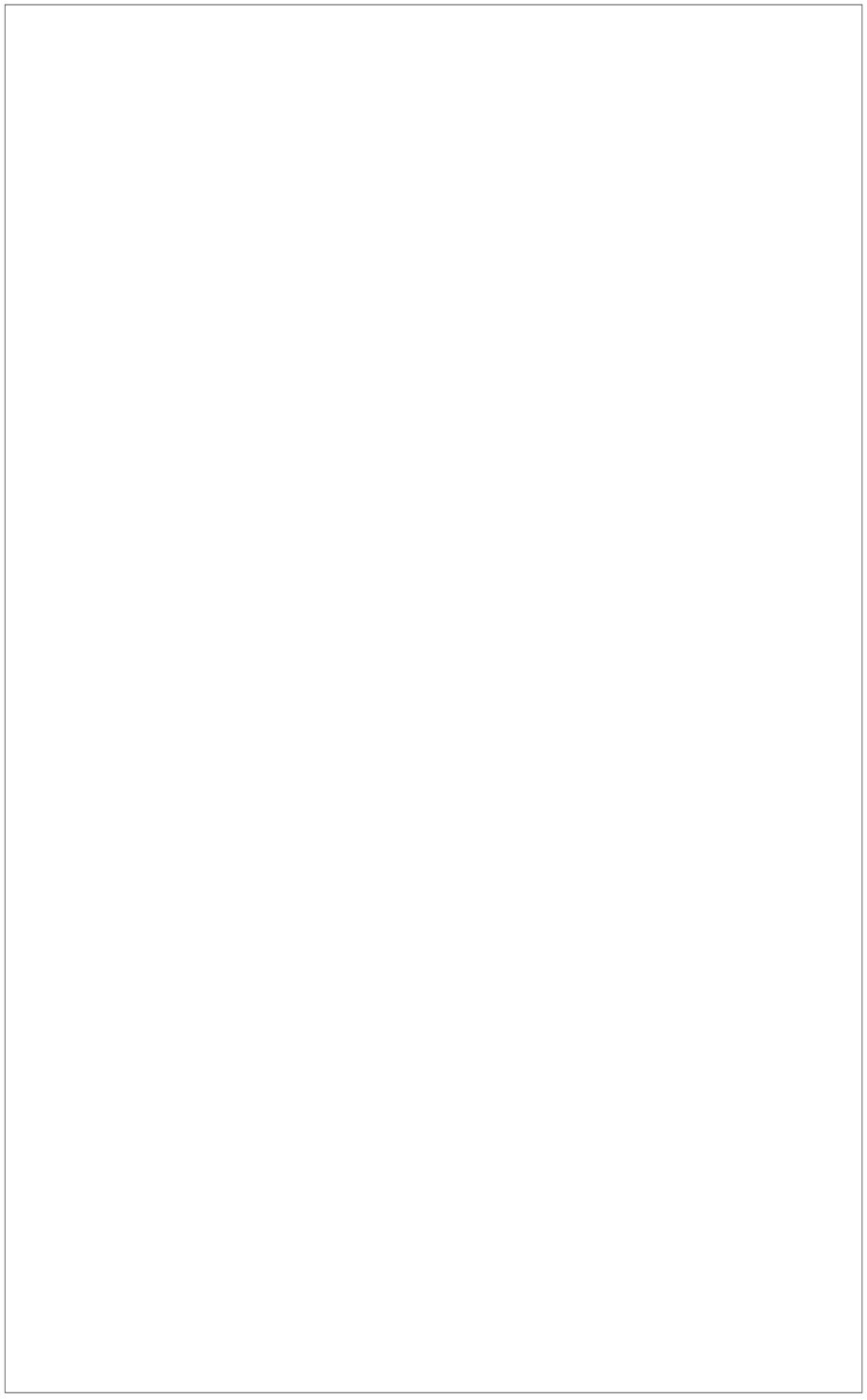
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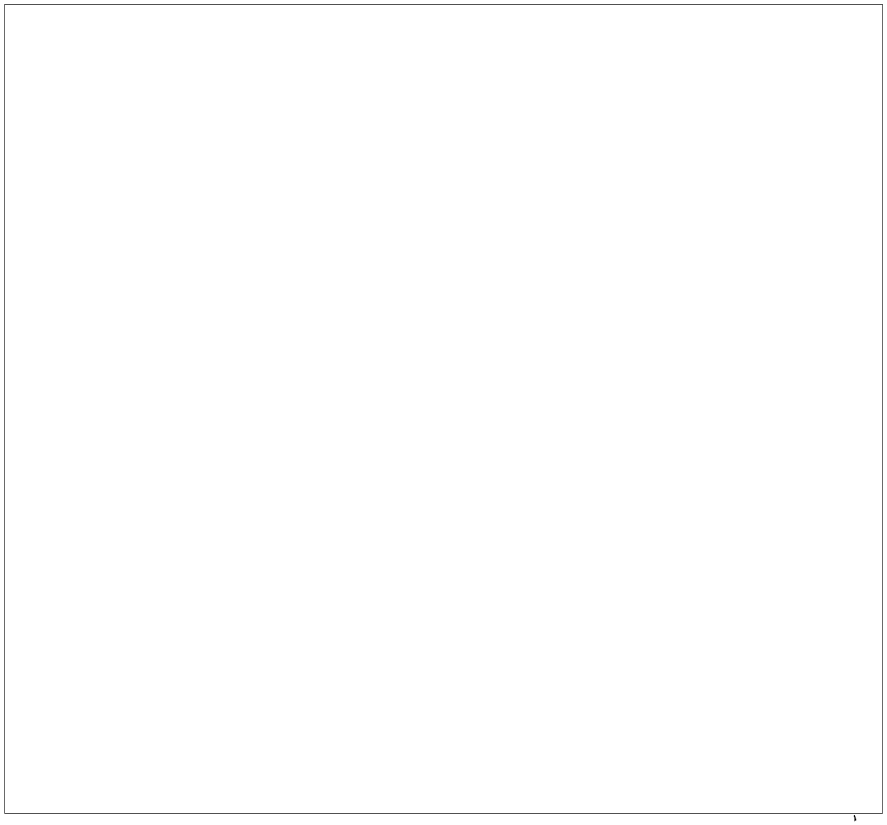


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Approved: EAP: AA/S Thornton

Drafted: EAP/MLA – Jessica Lin, ext. 7-8815

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

To: Tabron, Elizabeth J; D EAP Duty Officer
Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Hook, Brian H
Cc: Battle, Raniesha J; Stoebe, Danielle M
Subject: RE: policy planning w/ Japan and ROK

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Great, I'm sallying

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From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Cc: Battle, Raniesha J <BattleRJ@state.gov>; Stoebe, Danielle M <StoebeDM@state.gov>
Subject: Re: policy planning w/ Japan and ROK

I agree with all of the logistical and substantive plans. Let's sally forth.

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From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Tabron, Elizabeth J; Salvo, David V
Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

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From: Tabron, Elizabeth J
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:31 PM
To: Salvo, David V <SalvoDV@state.gov>; D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>
Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

Thank you – I will wait for Elizabeth to respond.

Is she the duty officer? (Just want to make sure she has received the email).

Best,
Elizabeth

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From: Salvo, David V
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Tabron, Elizabeth J; D EAP Duty Officer
Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

It's fine for me. Elizabeth, who is covering for Kate, should review, too.

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From: Tabron, Elizabeth J
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:23 PM
To: D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>
Cc: Salvo, David V <SalvoDV@state.gov>
Subject: FW: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015
Importance: High

Greetings – could someone from D please clear the attached as soon as possible?

Apologies for the urgency - we are under a tight deadline to get this out asap.

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Thank you,
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From: Tabron, Elizabeth J
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Foley, Philip; Kim, Shaun; Mayes, James L; Tucker, Maureen E; Higgins, Scott C; Biers, Dan L; Salvo, David V; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Weare, Jessica K; Nagy, Nathan; Wang, Mimi; Ouimet, Matthew J; Evans, Peter O; Caruso, Andrew N; Lee, David Y; Almquist, Peter B
Cc: Keithley, Blair; Kraut, Benjamin; Jallorina, Jay J
Subject: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

Greetings Everyone –

Attached please find an after action cable for your review/clearance **by 1PM tomorrow**. Please note that we opted to target key Posts to ensure that they are well-equipped to handle questions/messaging on today's actions versus an ALDAC.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Elizabeth Tabron
Foreign Affairs Officer
Office of Sanctions Policy and Implementation
202-647-3188

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Abbey, Johnnetta C
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Helton-Floyd, Kathleen L
Subject: RE: INFORMATION - 6/30/17

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From: Helton-Floyd, Kathleen L
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Abbey, Johnnetta C
Subject: RE: INFORMATION - 6/30/17

What's your room number?

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From: Abbey, Johnnetta C
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To: Helton-Floyd, Kathleen L <Helton-FloydKL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: INFORMATION - 6/30/17

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From: Helton-Floyd, Kathleen L
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 2:38 PM
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Tuesday, [illegible] 2017

Boston Police Officer Suspended Without Pay for Making 'Black People Have Met Their Match' Video

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Fla. Woman Shot, Killed at Home Hours After Posting on Facebook About 'Making 6 Figures'

HOUSE REPUBLICANS WANT TO ELIMINATE FEDERAL ELECTION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

An unlikely alliance: How Frederick Douglass brought Norton, Harris together

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Cisco Warns of Serious Flaws in IOS Software

Freedom Caucus Digs in on Spending Cuts, Tax Reform

Despite Opposition From Mayors and Police, U.S. House Looks to Punish 'Sanctuary Cities'

Is a Cabinet-Level CIO the Future of Government I.T.?

Agencies Send Employees Guidance on Travel Ban Implementation

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Two Medicare Questions You Need to Think About

HOUSE PANEL APPEARS TO ACCEPT TRUMP'S PROPOSED 1.9 PERCENT CIVILIAN PAY HIKE

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As Trump Budget Cuts Loom, Feds Adjust Their Training

Summer Theatre 2017 Fort Dupont Concerts

The 2017 season schedule has not yet been finalized but it is expected for release to the public soon. For updates and a recording of the weekly events (when released) please call 202 *202-829-2163 and / or visit the website*

***at*www.nps.gov/fodu *or* www.nps.gov/cwdw**

Again, thank you for your interest in the National Park Service and specifically the Fort Dupont Park summer concert series.

Carter Barron Amphitheatre closed for 2017 season for repairs

Date: March 1, 2017
Contact: Emily Linroth, 202-619-7156

Carter Barron Amphitheatre closed for 2017 season
Amphitheatre stage can't support performance weight, needs repairs
WASHINGTON – As the result of a recent structural assessment, the National Park Service (NPS) has determined that the Carter Barron Amphitheatre stage has structural deficiencies and cannot safely support the weight of performances. This means there will not be concerts or other performances at the Carter Barron this summer.

"As soon as we learned about the stage, we halted scheduling any performances to protect performers, our staff and the public," said acting Rock Creek Park Superintendent Frank Young. "We're doing everything we can to fix the Carter Barron stage as quickly as possible."

We know how much the community loves the Carter Barron, and we are working to get it back in action as soon as possible. We invite you to join the NPS for concerts at Fort Dupont Park's Summer Theatre while we address this important safety issue.

The engineering report identified several options to fix the stage:

OPTION	TIME TO COMPLETE	COST	STAGE LIFESPAN
Temporary shoring	At least 1 year	Unknown - Must complete design before estimating cost	1 year (not a permanent solution)
Carbon fiber	At least 5 years	$460,000 to $560,000	25 years

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Rehabilitate	At least 5 years	$520,000 to $620,000	75-100 years

We investigated options and determined that a complete rehabilitation of the stage is the best choice. This option would ensure that the amphitheatre meets all current codes and is accessible for all, and the stage would last for 75 to 100 years. We are actively seeking funding for potential solutions.

We will continue to share information as we have it. Updates will be posted on our website at go.nps.gov/CarterBarron.

Last updated: March 1, 2017

The 10 best barbecue joints in the D.C. area

'I feel as if I lost a member of my family': A tree older than the U.S. falls in Washington

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Listen to a blind man's Metro nightmare: 'I literally fell between two train cars.'

Man Spends 90 Days in Jail After Police Mistake Drywall Powder for Cocaine

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How Benjamin Franklin, a deist, became the founding father of a unique kind of American faith

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Mormon Church starts offering paid maternity leave, changes dress code

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Why one man keeps ramming his car into Ten Commandments statues on government property

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'WOE UNTO THOSE WHO LEGISLATE EVIL': REV. WILLIAM BARBER BUILDS A MORAL MOVEMENT

Federalism Is Dead, Long Live Federalism

Trump Administration Looks to Give Federal Employees Fewer Opioids

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The Latest: US issues new visa criteria for 6 Muslim nations

Trump Travel Ban Said to Start Thursday Evening U.S. Time

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As travel ban looms, resettlement agencies unsure of fate of refugees

How the Trump administration plans to implement its limited travel ban

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A Navy veteran who identifies as neither male nor female can't get a passport. That could change.

White House memo suggests moving refugee bureau from State Department to DHS

By Jake Tapper, Ethan Cohen and Justin Backover

Updated 2:54 PM ET. Wed June 28, 2017

- The memo was submitted to the White House Office of Management and Budget
- The move would likely be controversial

Washington (CNN) The White House is considering a proposal to move both the State Department bureau of Consular Affairs and its bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration to the Department of Homeland Security, a senior White House official tells CNN.

The move, which the White House official cautioned was far from becoming official policy, would likely be controversial among diplomats and experts in State Department matters.
The bureau of Consular Affairs is one of the largest sections of the State Department. Its many responsibilities include issuing passports and assisting citizens overseas by putting out travel alerts and helping with emergency services. The bureau is also tasked with granting temporary visas to foreigners who want to visit or work in the United States.
"It would be a huge mistake," said Anne Richard, who led the bureau of Population Refugees, and Migration during President Barack Obama's second term.

Supreme Court allows parts of travel ban to take effect
The proposals were written in a memo submitted to the White House Office of Management and Budget from the White House Domestic Policy Council as part of President Trump's March executive order pushing for ideas for Government Reorganization.
A State Department spokesperson referred CNN to the White House for comment.
A senior White House official cautioned that the proposal was far from becoming policy, telling CNN that the idea of moving the longstanding State Department bureaus to the Department of Homeland Security is "one among many in a document resulting from a brainstorming session focused on improving efficiencies across government. None has been reviewed in great depth, let alone formally approved."
The official added that the memo "was a first step in exploring all options to make the government work better. No doubt many of the ideas will end up on the cutting-room floor, while others will ultimately may be adopted."

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The White House did not explain the reasoning behind the recommendations, but perhaps the idea is rooted in a desire to streamline the refugee vetting process. As it stands currently, the United Nations High Commission of Refugees refers applicants to the State Department for vetting. This vetting is carried out by nine International Resettlement Support Centers (RSC) with American interests; all of which are managed by the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration. Approved applicants are then sent to the Department of Homeland Security for final vetting. After final vetting at DHS, the State Department then resumes supervision of the process with its Reception and Placement Program.
It is also not entirely clear whether Congress would have to sign off on such a move.
Richard, the former Obama State Department official, pinned the proposal on an "imperfect understanding" of the bureau's function. It's not mainly a law enforcement body, Richard said, rather, it works with nongovernmental organizations and the UN to assist refugees around the world.
While the refugee resettlement program does fall under the bureau, Richard noted that DHS plays a role in vetting potential refugees before they come to the United States. She said it would be a mistake for the government to neglect initiatives like the bureau she used to lead over what she called a "real but small" risk related to fighting terrorism.
"We could be a lot smarter than this and the administration could be focused on facts and evidence," Richard said. "But instead the administration is making decisions based on people's fears."

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9 Ways to Declare Independence from Hacking

Beware the Agency Leadership Void

Taxpayer Advocate Praises IRS for Solid Filing Season but Jabs Focus on Enforcement

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Subject: Bloomberg - Tillerson Puts Tighter Limits on Filling State Department Jobs

Tillerson Puts Tighter Limits on Filling State Department Jobs
Bloomberg
By Nick Wadhams
June 28, 2017, 11:54 AM EDT

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-06-28/tillerson-puts-tighter-limits-on-filling-state-department-jobs

Memo bars new positions, transfers between department offices
White House said to be frustrated by slow pace in hiring

Rex Tillerson is clamping down further on hiring as part of his push to overhaul the U.S. State Department, in a move likely to exacerbate concerns that a large number of unfilled jobs is diminishing his agency's role in shaping foreign policy.

In a memo sent June 26 and obtained by Bloomberg News, bureaus are ordered to temporarily stop all transfers and reassignments, and are barred from appointing new envoys. Any other request to "increase, expand or proliferate organization structures in the Department" must also be stopped.

The decision is part of Secretary of State Tillerson's plan to reorganize the department, an effort expected to cut more than 8 percent of the workforce and eliminate dozens of positions deemed inefficient.

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"These restrictions are necessary and prudent to insure we do not permit additional position and grade level growth at a time when the Department is undergoing reform and restructuring," the memo said. "As we strive collectively to develop and implement a departmental organizational structure that is efficient, responsive, and focused on its core mission, it is imperative that you adhere to the spirit and intent of this guidance."

In what may be the most significant step, the memo bans "lateral reassignments," the term for shifting employees from one job to another in different bureaus. With a broader freeze on hiring and promotions already in effect, lateral reassignments were a key way State Department offices were able to fill jobs as staff members have quit or been forced out since President Donald Trump's election.

The move doesn't apply to foreign service officers, meaning diplomats headed to embassies overseas won't be affected by the move.

Reorganizing Department

Tillerson has championed the move as a bid to drag the State Department into the 21st Century and eliminate wasteful spending, and argues that the process must be complete before the department is fully staffed.

But the decision has drawn skepticism from the department, career ambassadors and members of Congress who say they worry that the slow pace of hiring, coupled with a budget proposal that would cut funding by more than 28 percent, is hobbling the agency's effectiveness and muddying the voice of the U.S. overseas.

Even the White House has become impatient, with officials expressing frustration that Tillerson and his staff haven't acted fast enough on their recommendations to fill crucial ambassadorial posts, according to people involved in dealings between the White House and State Department who asked not to be identified discussing private communications.

Testifying to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this month, Tillerson said staffing cuts would largely come through attrition and his progress was aimed at focusing on results, not money spent.

"As all of you well know, we have a number of bureaus that have common missions," Tillerson said. "Some of them have overlapping missions. Not just true within the State Department, but we have that with other agencies as well."

The decision to freeze transfers and assignments has been coupled with other, similar efforts by the secretary that have drawn criticism from career staff. In March, Tillerson froze transfers of State Department staff to the White House's National Security Council. Career diplomats worry that the move has diminished the voice of civil servants in a body now dominated by staff from the military or with a military background.

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The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) announces the temporary closure of a single eastbound lane on Canal Road and Foxhall Road, NW. The closure will occur overnight beginning at 11 pm on Friday, June 30 through Saturday, July 1, at 10 am, weather permitting. Traffic will be diverted to the westbound lane during this closure. The lane closure is needed for concrete work on the roadway. Motorists should expect moderate-to-heavy traffic impacts. Seek alternative routes whenever possible. Drivers are urged to use caution in the area and to watch out for the construction workers.

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From: Cavendish, Georgiana
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How should we proceed? Should I send to Moran as you noted, or do you or him want to check? I don't think we need all the photos on, and certainly not the transcript, but think a couple pics of him with the crowd and him holding the book are nice.

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From: Kamgar, Leila J
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Cavendish, Georgiana <CavendishG@state.gov>
Subject: D Visit to FSI - transcript, video, photos

Hi Georgiana,

Thanks again for helping make Deputy Secretary Sullivan's June 26th FSI visit happen. Attached is a transcript of D's remarks and Q & A with FSI staff and students. Here is the link that our AV shop shared for the video: S:\DIR\AV Video Requests and they've put in the request for BNET to post it. I'd recommend we do a post on the Knowledge Portal (inet) Today@State tab, like what was done for Tillerson's arrival, since that tends to be a bit more front and center for internal audiences than BNET. If you are game, I'll gin something up.

The BNET folks were also asking if this should be put up on the PA.State.Gov video platform and/or the State Dept YouTube channel. Defer to you on how you'd like to proceed there.

Best,
Leila

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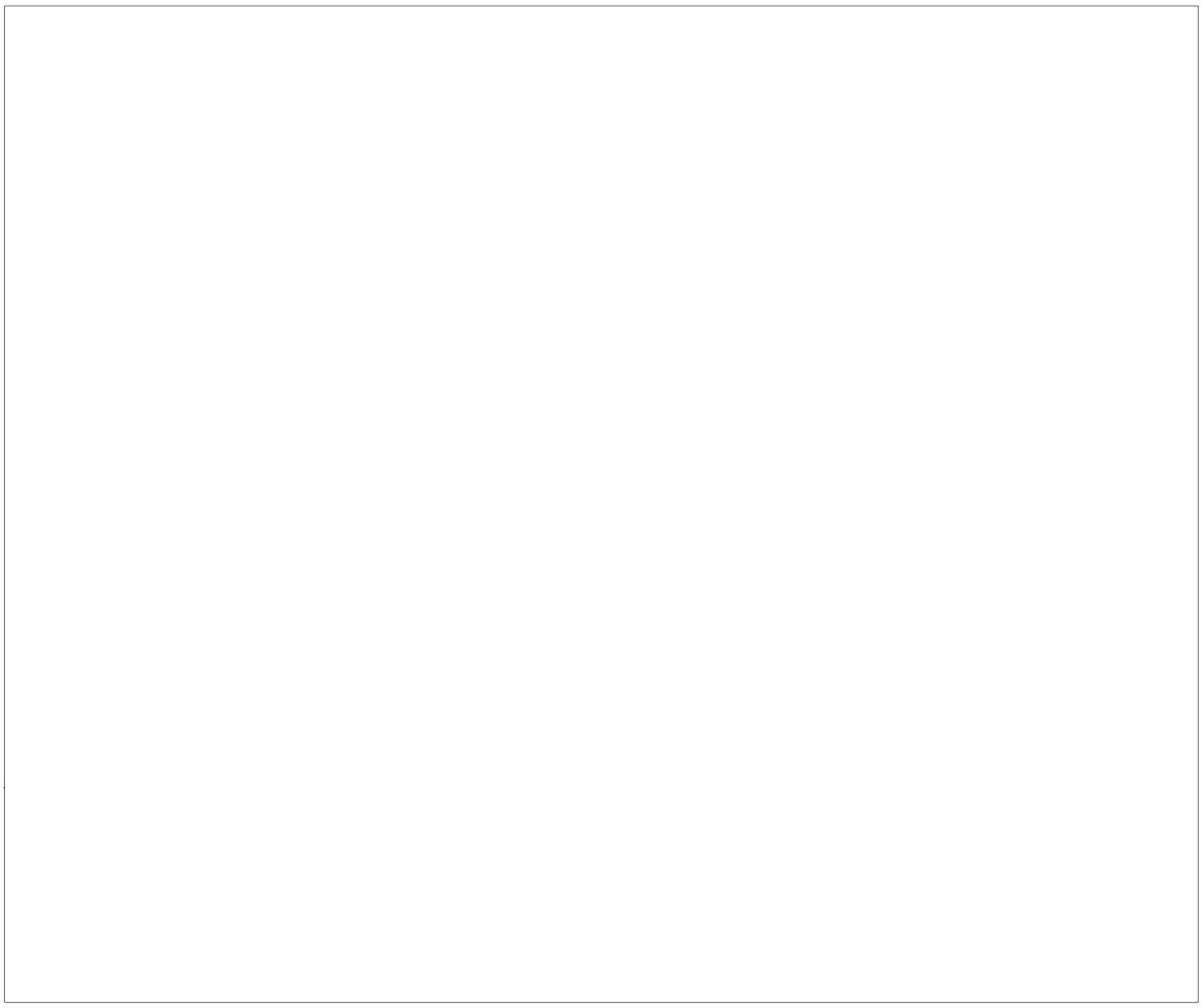
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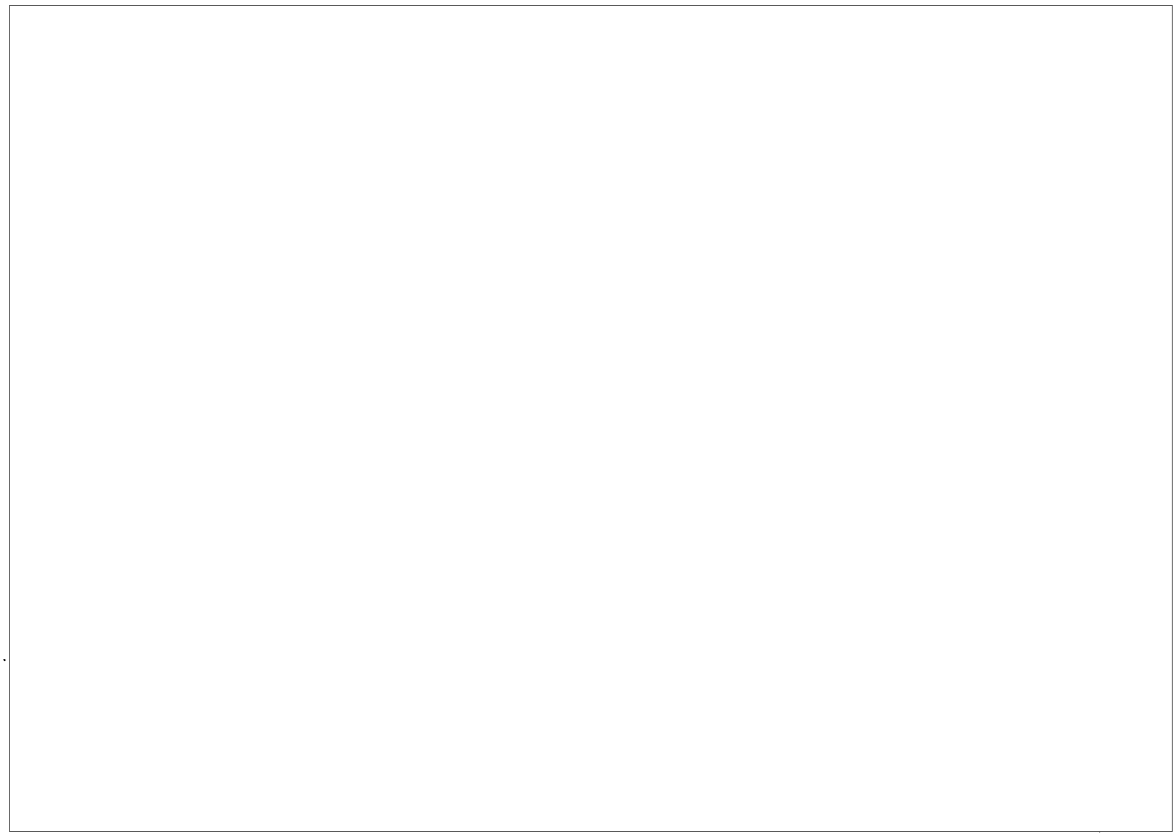
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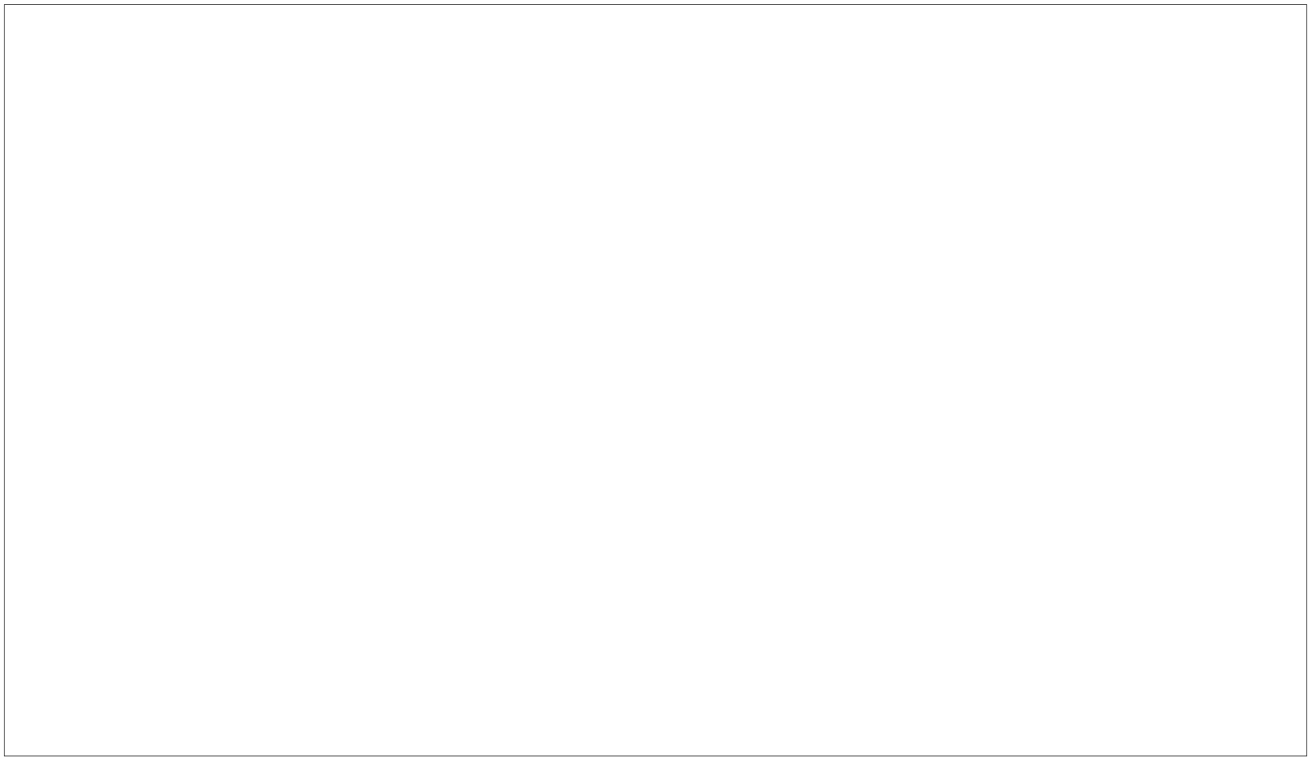
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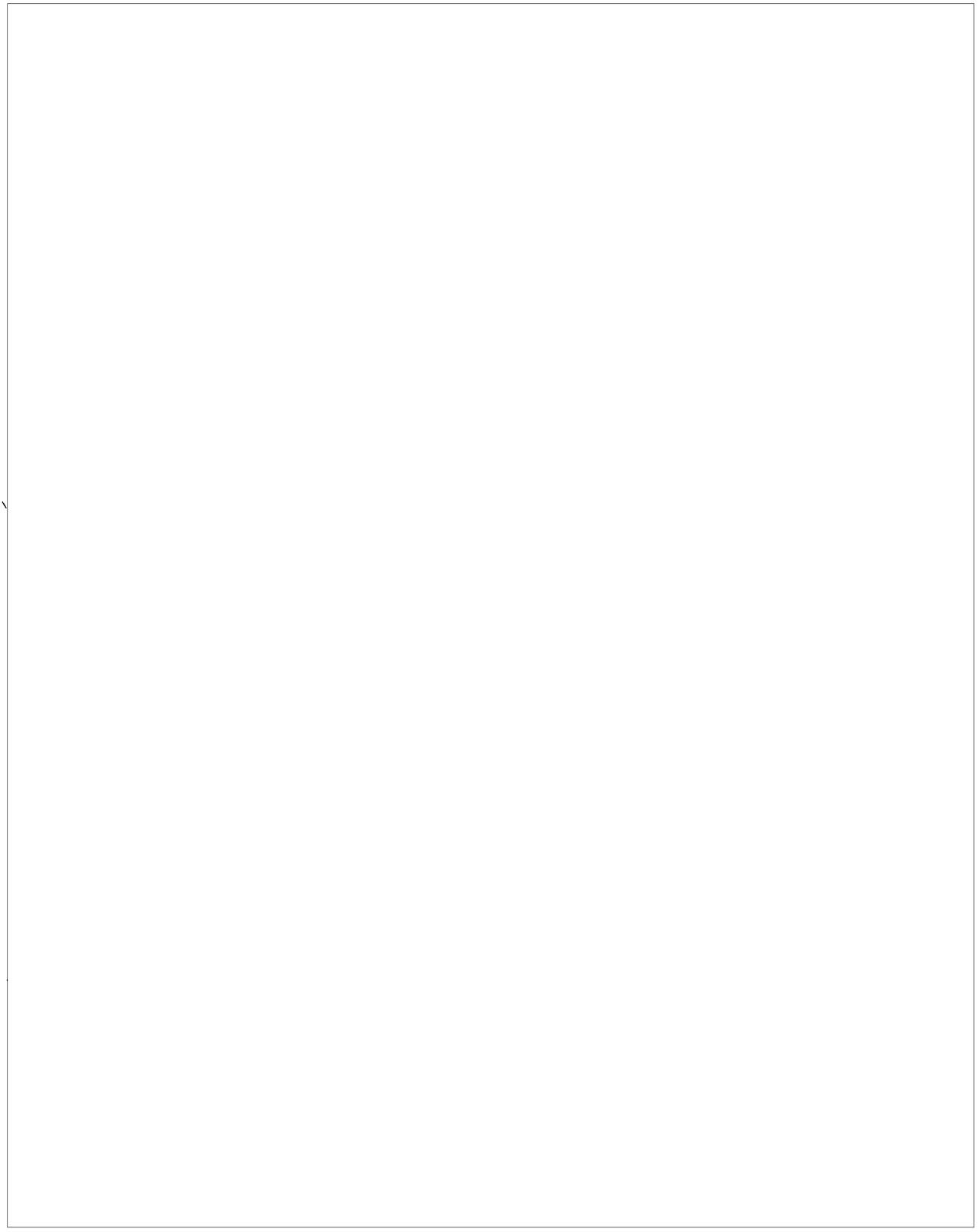
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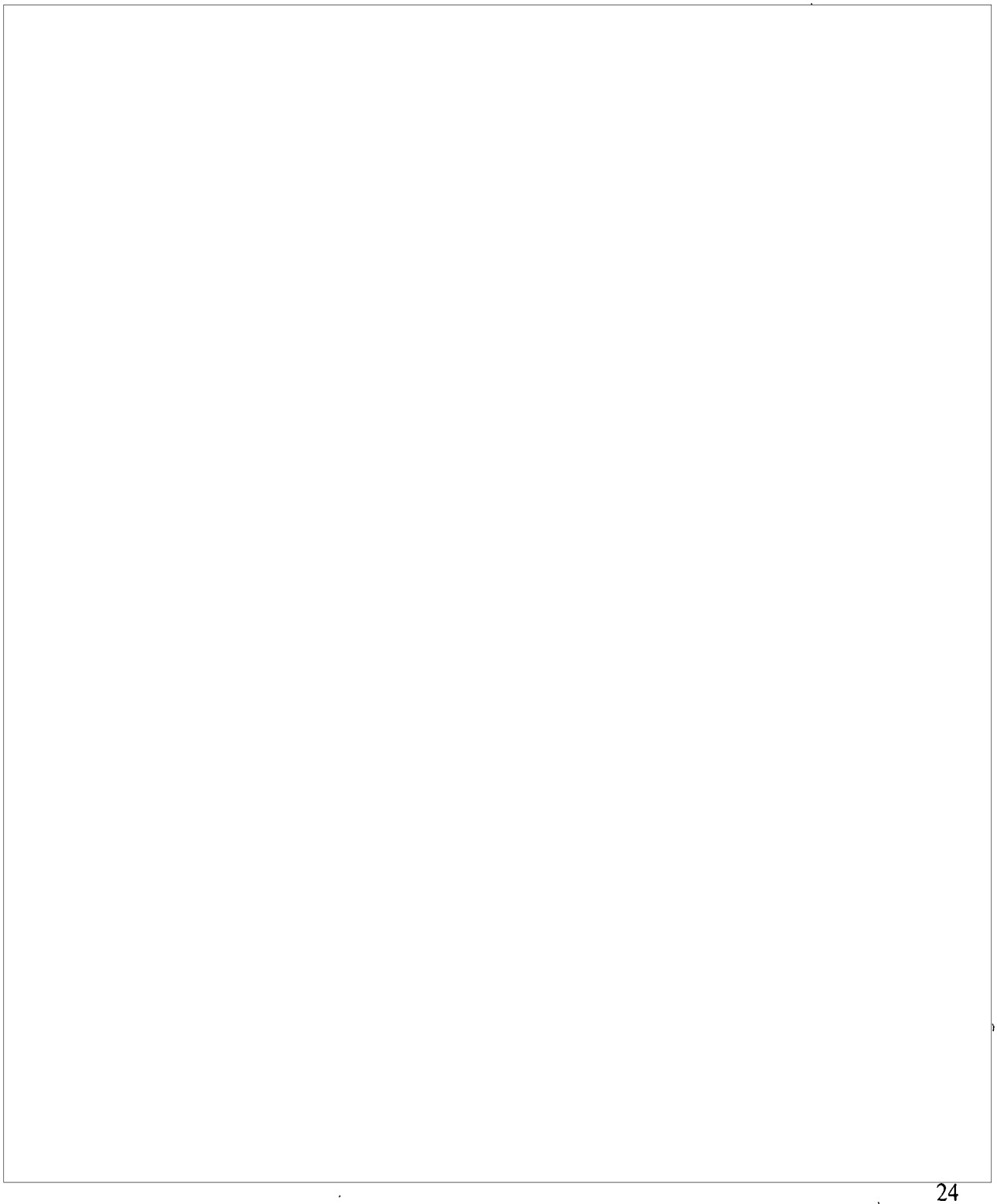


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DPB # 33

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017
(ON THE RECORD UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

3:31 p.m. EDT

MS NAUERT: Hi, everyone. Good afternoon.

QUESTION: Afternoon?

MS NAUERT: Yes, it is.

QUESTION: It's almost evening.

MS NAUERT: We have had a lot of stuff going on today, so thank you for your patience. We wanted to make sure that we were able to get you all on that call today with the Department of Justice, Homeland Security, and also State on the executive order resulting from the Supreme Court announcement earlier this week. And also you probably saw what took place at the White House, and that was the announcement of sanctions on some Chinese entities. So thank you for your patience. We wanted to get you all that information before we got up today.

A couple things I want to start with. And first, tomorrow is an important day. It'll mark one year since U.S. citizen Josh Holt was detained by Venezuelan authorities. Medical and consular access to Mr. Holt has continued to be slow and grudging since February. We've made multiple calls for the Venezuelan Government to release him on humanitarian grounds. The protracted delays in providing him even a preliminary hearing and filing formal charges cast serious doubts on the merit of and the lawfulness of his detention. His detention has been made all the more difficult and painful due to ongoing medical ailments, which have worsened by delays and denials of proper care.

Through private discussions, dozens of diplomatic notes, and public statements, we've repeatedly raised concerns about his health and his conditions of his detention and his treatment with Venezuelan authorities. His case has been raised at the highest levels of the Venezuelan Government by numerous U.S. officials. With the anniversary of his detention tomorrow, we again call on the Government of Venezuela to immediately release him on humanitarian grounds so that he can return to the United States.

Second thing I wanted to bring up before we get started with questions today is something that has taken place in Vietnam. And we want to say that we are deeply concerned about the Vietnamese course and its conviction of the 2017 International Woman of Courage awardee and peaceful blogger, Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh. She's also known as "Mother Mushroom." She was sentenced to 10 years in prison under the vague charge of conducting propaganda against the state. You are probably, many of you, familiar with her story. She was here at the State

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Department, and that's where the First Lady, Melania Trump, presented her with the 2017 International Woman of Courage Award.

The United States calls on Vietnam to release Mother Mushroom and all other prisoners of conscience immediately and to allow all individuals in Vietnam to express their views freely and assemble peacefully without fear of retribution. We've seen some positive steps on human rights in Vietnam over the past few years. However, the trend of increased arrests and convictions of peaceful protests since early 2016 is deeply troubling. Progress on human rights will allow the U.S.-Vietnam partnership to reach its fullest potential.

And with that, I'll take your questions.

QUESTION: I'm not trying to make light of the – Mother – I missed the ceremony the other day. Her name – her real name is --

MS NAUERT: This was a couple months ago.

QUESTION: -- Mother Mushroom?

MS NAUERT: That is what she is popularly known as in Vietnam. Her given name is Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh.

QUESTION: Okay. Okay.

MS NAUERT: And she was presented with the International Women of Courage Award.

QUESTION: Got it. And then just one other very small item before we get into something else. You just – you opened by discussing the medical condition of Josh Holt. And I just want to point out that not three weeks ago, two weeks ago --

MS NAUERT: I knew you would go there. Yeah.

QUESTION: -- you said you never discuss the health conditions of any Americans --

MS NAUERT: Let me preempt you there --

QUESTION: Now, I realize that there's --

MS NAUERT: -- Mr. Matt Lee --

QUESTION: I realize there's a Privacy Act waiver issue here --

MS NAUERT: Yes.

QUESTION: -- but it is not true that you never discuss the health of Americans held abroad, right?

MS NAUERT: If you want --

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QUESTION: You do in certain cases.

MS NAUERT: If you want to get into an issue of semantics, we are calling for his release on humanitarian grounds. You will not hear me get into the specifics of one's medical condition. You will not hear me characterize one's medical condition. However, we are able to say, on humanitarian grounds, we are calling for the Venezuelan Government to release him immediately, so that he could get medical care back here at home.

QUESTION: Okay. Thanks. Now, on the Supreme Court order and the guidance that went out to embassies last night, I know that there was the call earlier, but I didn't get a chance to ask this. I don't really expect you to have the answer, but I want to put it out there --

MS NAUERT: I will do my best.

QUESTION: -- just to make sure it's on-the-record. And that is the fate of Iraqis who worked for or with the U.S. military in – and the status of the P-2 refugee admissions, because they are not at all addressed in the guidance. And there are questions now about whether or not they would be – even though Iraq is not in the – it's not among the six countries – these people would be refugees. And once the 50,000 cap has hit, all refugees have to do this – get the – show a bona fide relationship. The reason I'm asking this is because one would presume that working for the U.S. military would be a bona fide relationship with an American entity. But I'm – no one will – I can't get anyone to say that. People say, "It's a case-by-case basis, and it's speculation." So --

MS NAUERT: So, this --

QUESTION: -- is there an answer to this question about the --

MS NAUERT: I don't have an answer to that question.

QUESTION: Okay. Thank you.

MS NAUERT: It's a good question; it's a valid question. I know lots of Iraqis, and particularly those who have worked alongside the United States, will have questions about that. This is all very new. We were in a rush to pull this call together today with our experts so that we could get you all the answers that you want and that you deserve. That one, I'm going to have to get back with you on. And anybody needs – has any questions on that --

QUESTION: Okay. Please do. That's it for me.

MS NAUERT: -- I would just ask you to hold, please.

QUESTION: Iraq?

MS NAUERT: Okay. Let's stay with the executive order first before we go onto something else. Hi, Michele.

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QUESTION: Okay, so – thank you. On the refugee issue, as to what would be some scenarios where they would have a relationship with an entity – I know that there was no guidance given on that, but we were told on the call that the guidance was coming. So I don't understand why that isn't better spelled out. They referred to the ruling itself, but obviously in a ruling that doesn't give guidance specifically there's room for interpretation. So why hasn't that been interpreted to include something like a resettlement agency? And when will the guidance be coming. It seems like it's pretty necessary.

MS NAUERT: Okay. So there are a couple components to this. There are the visa applicants under this executive order and then there are also the refugees and that component of it. In terms of the refugees, some of that we do have a little bit of extra time to do that. That is until we reach the cap of 50,000. So we have a little bit more time in order to fully dig into this.

And in the coming days, we'll be able to provide additional guidance. As you all know, this is very new; it's 72 hours old. The worker – or the lawyers here at State, Justice, and DHS have been working nonstop to try to get all the information and the understanding and the legalese all put forward. So we're going to work in the coming days to provide additional guidance. We do still have a little bit of time left.

QUESTION: And one more quick question on that. At the beginning of the call it was emphasized again that safety of the country is the number one issue here. But when you parse out the allowances, you could have a scenario where someone who doesn't really have close ties to anyone in the country but is basically an adult who is attending a university here, that's okay to come in, but someone who is a three-year-old grandchild of somebody else – n =ot allowed. Do you see how this, in the end, might not equal greater safety for the United States? And do you agree that there's an arbitrary element to this?

MS NAUERT: I'm not going to define – I'm not going to characterize your view as arbitrary in any way. This has been one of the President's top issues. He has talked consistently about how he believes the United States needs to do more to enhance our screening procedures and to take a better look at people who will be coming into the United States because the safety and security of Americans comes first. Some of this enhanced screening – there are review procedures that are taking place. Some of those started just a week ago; some of those will have 120 days to be reviewed and all of that.

I'm not going to get into hypotheticals about different family variations and whether or not they should be coming into the United States. I think you're talking about the bona fide relationship, and the bona fide relationship and who falls under that category. I think it's fairly broad. But I'm not going to get into grandparents and all of that.

QUESTION: Okay. Thanks.

MS NAUERT: Okay. Anything else on the EO?

QUESTION: Just a point of clarification on that.

MS NAUERT: Sure.

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QUESTION: You said that there's a little bit of time with the refugee cases because you haven't fit the 50,000 cap yet.

MS NAUERT: Correct.

QUESTION: But there's still the 120-day suspension. So does that not kick in until the 50,000 cap is met?

MS NAUERT: My understanding is that until we reach that 50,000 cap that we still have time – I was talking with some of our lawyers and folks upstairs about this very thing – that we still have time to get all of the details in place.

Hey.

QUESTION: On the bona fide relationships --

MS NAUERT: Yeah.

QUESTION: -- can you explain exactly what – how is the State Department and U.S. Government I guess interpreting this bona fide relationship language? And what exactly – how does somebody establish that?

MS NAUERT: You mean in terms of paperwork?

QUESTION: Yes.

MS NAUERT: Okay.

QUESTION: Yeah. I mean, what – yeah.

MS NAUERT: So a lot of that will be determined by the consular officers when they actually do their visa interviews for that. I can tell you a little bit more about what's considered to be a bona fide relationship. I know a lot of Americans, a lot of folks overseas, will have questions about that. It's considered a close familial relationship. It covers a parent; it covers an in-law, a mother-in-law, a father-in-law; a spouse; a child; adult son, daughter; son and daughter-in-law; a sibling, a whole or a half, including step relationships1. Those are considered to be bona fide relationships, close familial relationships. And one of the things that we talked about a little bit on the call is that is under the Immigration and Nationality Act. And that's where we took that definition of that.

QUESTION: What about – because it also said entities, not – I believe it also said entities, not just families. So does it refer to, for instance, students in universities and people who have been invited by jobs or by some kind of organization?

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1 Upon further review, fiancés are now included as close family members.

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MS NAUERT: Those very examples it would include: someone coming over here to study at a university – this is my understanding – and also people who have been offered jobs in the United States.

Okay. Anything on the EO?

QUESTION: Can we stay on it?

MS NAUERT: Hi.

QUESTION: So just on the vetting. I mean, there was a fair amount of criticism about the need for review of the vetting on refugees, especially given that there have been reports showing that of 780,000 or so refugees brought into the United States since 2001 there have been three people arrested on allegations of potential terrorist attacks. So what is the current State Department view on the vetting procedures for refugees? Is this an acknowledgment that those vetting procedures are not thorough enough?

MS NAUERT: I know that we are always looking for additional ways to enhance our screening, whether it be for visa applicants or if it's for refugees. Refugees are vetted pretty significantly, among the highest, in terms of people who are vetted to come into the United States.

One thing we haven't talked a lot about right here is the memorandum that went along with the executive order, and that puts into effect enhanced screening and vetting applications – vetting requirements for visa applicants. And that's a really – actually an interesting angle, because that's something that folks worldwide would apply to potentially anyone in any country around the world, and that is where we, in the past, have asked for information, for example, five years of travel history, family relationships, that type of thing.

And now our consular affairs officers – again, in every country, it could apply to any person – if our consular officers want to get additional information because they think that they would need more information to better screen someone, then they have the ability to ask certain questions and get that kind of information. And that's, again, something we haven't talked about a whole lot, but I have a form here in front of me if anyone's interested in that, and that's the DS-5535 and additional forms.

So that is just one example of how we're constantly looking at ways of improving our screening to be able to make sure that Americans here at home are safe and we're allowing in the kinds of folks who don't want to do us harm.

QUESTION: So --

QUESTION: So just to follow up on that.

MS NAUERT: Yeah.

QUESTION: I mean, the President and the State Department have both said that these are based on efforts to improve national security, and that's the top priority, but you've never given

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us direct evidence that refugees coming into the United States pose a threat to national security. So does the U.S. have evidence that refugees pose a threat to national security?

MS NAUERT: I think that would be more of a Department of Homeland Security issue, on that.

QUESTION: Can I just ask --

MS NAUERT: Okay. Sure.

QUESTION: -- if you already have – and I raised this in the call – but if you already have these enhanced – this enhanced ability to do extra vetting for anyone in any country applying for any visa, why do you need this?

MS NAUERT: I think this is a matter in which the United States is always looking for ways to continue to enhance, alter, and improve its security procedures.

QUESTION: Yeah. But --

QUESTION: Heather, so is the 120-day clock started already or is it going to start on July 6th? And why do you guys need a 120-day clock to examine the vetting procedures and the refugees? Couldn't you have started that in January or February, even when the EO was suspended?

MS NAUERT: I believe – and I'm going to do my best to try to answer this for you.

QUESTION: Okay.

MS NAUERT: I believe the part that you were talking about with this enhanced screening, those review procedures started about a week ago. One hundred and twenty days and how that timeframe was selected was part – my understanding is – a part of the executive order. If I can – I can put you in touch with somebody who could probably better answer that question than I can. That – some of that predates me. So I wasn't involved in the process then, but if you want any more on that I can try to get that for you.

QUESTION: But just so the – so are – I just want to make sure which questions you're not answering. Is it --

MS NAUERT: Gardiner, come on.

QUESTION: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

MS NAUERT: Look, I just told you. I'm --

QUESTION: I want --

MS NAUERT: I'm doing my best.

QUESTION: I am too. I am too.

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MS NAUERT: This is all new. This is a part of the executive order. Why 120 days was selected, that I don't know off the top of my head.

QUESTION: No, I'm not asking that, but --

MS NAUERT: If you want me to try to get you an expert who can answer that question for you --

QUESTION: I'd love that.

MS NAUERT: -- I can.

QUESTION: But I just want to know, do you have any notion (a) about when that clock starts? Is that now or July 6th?

MS NAUERT: My understanding is that it started about a week ago – the review process for enhanced screening.

QUESTION: Oh, before the executive order was even lifted by the Supreme Court then?

MS NAUERT: Some of this review procedure that was required under the executive order --

QUESTION: Right.

MS NAUERT: -- my understanding is that it started about a week ago because that – and I don't know why that was – that timeframe was selected. Let me --

QUESTION: Okay.

MS NAUERT: Let me just get you somebody on that who can best answer that, okay?

QUESTION: He's asking you about the 120-day suspension of the refugee program, which begins once you hit the cap.

QUESTION: Don't know --

QUESTION: Or does it?

QUESTION: That's true. That's what I'm asking. When does the time clock start? Does it start when you hit the cap?

MS NAUERT: So you weren't asking then about the review procedures?

QUESTION: Well, so in the executive order, it lists that there is a 120-day suspension of refugee entries while the administration examines the program in its entirety, right?

MS NAUERT: Mm-hmm.

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QUESTION: And so I think this is separate from the enhanced – my understanding – I'm not talking about the enhanced vetting procedures that you guys have already done. I'm simply talking about in the refugee program you're supposed, to under the executive order, suspend all refugee entries. And of course this is complicated by the fact that the Supreme Court has said, well, that's true but we're going to let you – we're going to let some people in who have a bona fide relationships; you guys have defined what that is. I'm just sort of – I – so I'm puzzled about when the 120-day suspension of the entire refugee program would go into effect and why you would need that if you have already had five and some-odd months to sort of look at the program.

MS NAUERT: Well, with the refugee program there's a cap on the number of refugees, and that's a cap at 50,000 and we're very close to reaching that cap. We're about 800 or so, 900 or so, away. And that's why when I was talking earlier about how we have a little bit more time in order to get that definition completely tied down.

QUESTION: Okay.

MS NAUERT: Okay. Anything else on the executive order?

QUESTION: But (inaudible) 120 days in the original executive order. So are you saying that when the cap is met, that's when the 120-day suspension kicks in? They're not concurrent?

MS NAUERT: Let --

QUESTION: Or is it tonight at 8:00 p.m. when (inaudible) --

QUESTION: (Off-mike.)

MS NAUERT: Guys, instead of everybody chiming in about what they think this might mean, let me please get back with you with one of our lawyers who's been working with DHS and DOJ to best answer that question. Okay? So let me just take the bulk of that question and get back with you. And any folks watching on TV, they're probably like, "What on Earth are you guys talking about?" So let me get back to you with a good, concrete answer on that one. Okay?

Anything else on the EO that's not related to the 120 days?

QUESTION: Yes.

QUESTION: Yes.

MS NAUERT: Okay. Hi, how are you?

QUESTION: On the EO question, I think we've all gotten sort of into the legal nuances a lot.

MS NAUERT: Yeah.

QUESTION: But we've still, like this press corps, the American public, have not really been given a clear answer as to why these six countries and people from those six countries presents a

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real threat to the United States. That call today started off saying that we want to prevent mayhem and terror in the United States. People from these six countries have not carried out those attacks in the United States. It just hasn't happened. There's – some countries you could say maybe, if you want to argue for a travel ban in some form, should belong on that list. Some don't. But it – the policy as it is hasn't really been fully explained.

And then if you want to get into the grandparents, grandchildren, I mean, what percentage of terrorist attacks have been carried out by grandparents from these six countries? I think that is something that we deserve an answer to that hasn't really been – and other than saying – and that was asked today on the call, and the official just pointed to President Trump's comments about this. That's not really an answer.

MS NAUERT: Well, there were people on that call from State, White House, DOJ, and also DHS.

QUESTION: And they couldn't justify the policy.

MS NAUERT: I don't know that I would agree with that. You all had the opportunity to ask the lawyers and ask folks more – the experts who were involved in putting this together – more questions about that. And I really didn't hear too many questions about that very topic.

QUESTION: We were – we asked. Reuters asked what is the danger of a grandparent from one of these six countries coming into the United States. And the answer was --

MS NAUERT: And we're talking about the definition.

QUESTION: -- this is the guidance --

MS NAUERT: And the definition --

QUESTION: The answer was this is the guidance we've been given by the President. That's not an answer as to how that individual harms the United States or presents a terrorist threat to the United States.

MS NAUERT: Well, I'm sorry that you're not pleased with that answer. That's the answer that the experts gave you. I can tell you that we received the family definition from federal law, and we received the family definition. And for whatever reason it doesn't include grandparents, but we were just going along with what federal law states.

Okay, next question.

QUESTION: Was there any sort of risk assessment in deciding what bona fide relationships are, or was it strictly a legal interpretation of past law like the INA?

MS NAUERT: There have been three days to get through this and to try to put that together, so I'm not sure that anyone was able to do a risk assessment, as you suggest, about grandparents. But the lawyers have been putting together --

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QUESTION: (Off-mike.)

MS NAUERT: -- putting this together and working on it for the past few days.

QUESTION: Iraq?

MS NAUERT: Okay. Anything else on the executive order?

QUESTION: On her question, her point, though, that it is true that there was, shall we say, not a lot of enthusiasm on the call from the officials, except for one official who was from the White House, for this. And when asked what specifically this would do to improve security, all of the – all of the officials, four of the five officials who were on the call, basically said we're doing this because the court has told us to and did not offer an explanation of how it does make it safer.

MS NAUERT: Look --

QUESTION: So if there is an answer --

MS NAUERT: Their jobs --

QUESTION: I know.

MS NAUERT: -- is to implement.

QUESTION: Their job is to carry out – exactly.

MS NAUERT: Okay? Their job is not to be a person who will come out and advocate for or against something in this fashion. It wouldn't be appropriate for them to do so. These are civil servants and Foreign Service officers. You know they're not going to get into the politics of this kind of thing. Their job is to execute and implement, and they were given the – some direction by the Department of Justice. They all worked together to come up with this, and they professionally put something together and gave you the answers. You're saying that there wasn't a whole lot of enthusiasm. That's your opinion. But these folks have been hard at work doing their jobs.

QUESTION: Okay.

MS NAUERT: Okay.

QUESTION: But can you offer just a justification for it? I mean, you are a political appointee. I mean, this is your administration. So can you tell us why this country is safer having this executive order and banning people from these countries that have never committed attacks on the United States previously except in, what was it, the --

MS NAUERT: Gardiner, as far as I'm going to go is saying that with some of these countries – and we would take issue certainly with the Government of Iran and some other nations – that there can be concerns. And the American public could have legitimate concerns about their safety when we open our doors. And we want to open our doors to people who are willing to go

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through proper screening measures and who want to be here and want to be productive members of our society. I'll leave it at that.

QUESTION: The people of Iran are very pro-American people (inaudible).

MS NAUERT: I know that. That's why I said we take issue with the Government of Iran, not the people of Iran, certainly. Okay?

QUESTION: But the people are the ones that are banned.

MS NAUERT: Look, I know you guys want to push me to say something about this.

QUESTION: To defend the policy. That's it.

MS NAUERT: Yeah. Okay.

QUESTION: I'm not trying to – it's not a gotcha question.

MS NAUERT: Okay. Anything else on the executive order?

QUESTION: No.

MS NAUERT: No. Okay.

QUESTION: Okay, China and North Korea?

MS NAUERT: Okay.

QUESTION: Okay. Today Secretary of the Treasury talking about sanctions on China. And these – regarding these – will the United States ask to South Korea for support these sanctions? Did you – U.S. ask to – ask to Moon Jae-in – tomorrow summit will the U.S. ask for --

MS NAUERT: Will we ask for South Korean support on sanctions against North Korea?

QUESTION: Yes.

MS NAUERT: I know that we have asked a lot of countries to do more. A lot of countries have influence, a great deal of influence, especially their neighbors, with the DPRK, so we continue to ask nations to do more to try to ratchet up the pressure on the DPRK.

You referenced the sanctions that were announced at 2 o'clock today by the Treasury Secretary and taking a look at some Chinese entities. We believe that those entities have a role in getting money to the North Koreans, and that money doesn't go into the pockets of normal, regular North Korean citizens. That money goes into the pocket, we believe, of their illegal ballistic weapons programs and also its illegal nuclear weapons program, so that – or nuclear program.

So that is a big concern of ours. And that is one of the reasons that the Treasury Department chose to sanction those Chinese entities, and that is something that we have continuously, especially with regard to the Chinese, to put the pressure on them to do that. Secretary Tillerson

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has talked about that, where the Chinese have done a notable job, but he has characterized it as uneven, so we'd like to see them do more.

Anything else on DPRK? Hi.

QUESTION: So with this announcement, are you sending the message to China that U.S. will move forward on North Korea issues without Chinese cooperation?

MS NAUERT: I'm sorry, say that again?

QUESTION: So are you sending a message to China that United States will work on North Korea issues without Chinese cooperation?

MS NAUERT: Well, I didn't say that the Chinese weren't cooperating. I said that they – it's been uneven. We'd like to see them do more, and they know that. We've had conversations about that in the past at the highest levels. And so we'd just like to continue to call upon them to do more. Okay.

QUESTION: So even with this (inaudible) --

MS NAUERT: Anything else DPRK?

QUESTION: Iraq?

MS NAUERT: DPRK?

QUESTION: China?

MS NAUERT: Okay.

QUESTION: I've got a brief one on China, but --

MS NAUERT: Okay. Go right ahead. Hi. How are you?

QUESTION: Thank you. So I wanted to ask about Liu Xiaobo, the human rights activist. And Ambassador Branstad said that he would like to help Mr. Liu to get cancer treatment overseas, and we are wondering whether the United States supports that. Are you talking to the Beijing government about it?

MS NAUERT: So one of the things we've done is, as I've said in other instances, that we have conversations at the highest levels of government with government officials on areas where we have a great deal of concern. Among those would be human rights issues, this one for Liu Xiaobo, who's a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and a writer as well – he unfortunately is battling cancer at this time. We would like to see him – get additional information about how he is doing.

He's not a U.S. citizen, he's a Chinese national, but we'd like him to have access to international medical specialists if he chooses to do so. One of the important things we see is give him the

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opportunity, if he wants to seek medical treatment elsewhere, to be able to seek medical treatment elsewhere.

You referenced something Ambassador Branstad said, and along with that he said our heart goes out to him and to his wife, and we'd like to see him have the opportunity for treatment elsewhere if that would be of assistance to him.

QUESTION: This is related to China --

MS NAUERT: Yeah.

QUESTION: -- but it'll be extremely brief. You guys today notified Congress of a rather large arms sale to Taiwan.

MS NAUERT: To Taiwan, yeah.

QUESTION: Can you talk about that a little bit?

MS NAUERT: Yeah. So let me just get all the details here because I want to get everything straight. But we – normally we wouldn't talk about this into – until it is submitted to Congress, and Congress was notified today about that. Give me just a minute, please. Okay.

QUESTION: Is the book getting bigger?

MS NAUERT: Kind of like a messy former journalist. You keep a lot of papers around.

So the administration had formally notified Congress of seven proposed defense sales for Taiwan. It's now valued about 1.42 billion. The notifications are consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act. It shows, we believe, our support for Taiwan's ability to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability. There is no change, I should point out, to our longstanding "one China" policy, which is based, as you all know, on three joint communiques and the Taiwan Relations Act. There is continuity here; the United States has been doing defense sales with Taiwan for 50 years or so, so nothing has changed.

QUESTION: Iraq?

QUESTION: On Syria?

QUESTION: One more on DPRK?

MS NAUERT: Anything else on the Asian region that anyone wants to talk about?

QUESTION: Yes. So you said that we'd like to – the State Department, the United States – would like the – to see China do more.

MS NAUERT: Mm-hm.

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QUESTION: Are they even doing what they said they would do regarding – because they said that they would – that they were going to limit the coal, I guess, buying – buys from North Korea and fuel shipments to North Korea. Is that even happening?

MS NAUERT: So some of this is classified, so some of that I cannot talk about. I do have a list of something that is public. I don't have it at my fingertips right now, but some of the things that we have been asking other nations, including China, to do and some of the ways that we have seen those countries take steps in the right direction.

I've talked a little bit here about guest worker programs and how there are North Korean guest workers in many countries around the world. We have asked many of those other countries to limit the number of North Korean workers that can work in their countries. The reason why: we see the money not going into their pockets, but it goes – the government confiscates it, and it goes into the pockets of the Government of the DPRK. And we believe that that money is then being used to fund its illegal weapons program and also its nuclear program.

So we continue to talk to all of these nations about sort of putting the squeeze, if you will, on North Korea, and that would be one example of it.

Okay. Anything else on Asia?

QUESTION: South Korea?

MS NAUERT: Okay. Go right ahead.

QUESTION: I wondered if you had a readout for the Secretary's meeting yesterday with the Korean foreign minister.

MS NAUERT: I don't have an actual readout for you on that meeting. I was in that meeting, and I would just describe as it was a pleasant meeting. We had a lot of areas of agreement. I know that the President and the Secretary look forward to hosting President Moon here in Washington, certainly. Among the things that they talked about was the threat from North Korea and the alliance that we have with South Korea, and the importance of that.

QUESTION: Quick follow-up.

QUESTION: Syria?

QUESTION: North Korean human rights issue been discussed at the meeting yesterday – Kang and Secretary Tillerson?

MS NAUERT: I'm not – beyond what I just told you about that meeting, I'm not going to be able to get into any additional specifics.

Okay, so let's move on from Asia. What do we have now?

QUESTION: One on Syria.

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QUESTION: Syria.

MS NAUERT: Okay, let's go to Syria then.

QUESTION: Okay.

MS NAUERT: Sir, I'm sorry, tell me your name.

QUESTION: I'm Caleb with RT. Caleb Maupin.

MS NAUERT: Oh, right. Caleb, hi.

QUESTION: So this recent statement from the White House alleging that the Syrian Government was planning an upcoming chemical attack, are you concerned that that could have created an opening for terrorist groups to carry out a chemical attack?

MS NAUERT: No.

QUESTION: You're not concerned even though al-Nusrah, al-Qaida groups, have been using chemical weapons in Syria that's documented?

MS NAUERT: No. Next question on Syria.

QUESTION: Just um – well, I mean, they could carry out a chemical attack, and then with the White House saying, "Oh, Assad was going to do it," that would create a cover for them to do such a thing.

MS NAUERT: Do I have to do this again? We know that Assad has used chemical weapons on his own people, and he's done that repeatedly including --

QUESTION: Well, hasn't the United States convinced the world that that --

MS NAUERT: Including women and children --

QUESTION: -- Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction?

MS NAUERT: -- and we have all seen that. We have all seen the video, and there is no debate about that. Okay? I'm going to --

QUESTION: So didn't Assad give up his chemical weapons in 2013?

MS NAUERT: No.

QUESTION: Didn't that happen?

MS NAUERT: No.

QUESTION: That didn't happen? So the --

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MS NAUERT: Hayvi.

QUESTION: The OPCW is not being --

MS NAUERT: Hayvi, let's go over to you.

QUESTION: Thank you. So we know that ISIS is almost defeated in Mosul, maybe even similar situation in Raqqa. We know that phase two is Deir ez-Zor. The Assad regime forces, along with the militias, Iranian proxies and militias in Syria, are trying to go to Deir ez-Zor and have backups, basically confronting the United States efforts with its – with their allies to defeat ISIS and Deir ez-Zor, maybe have some sort of partnership or trying to just impose themselves being there in a strong position. What do you expect or what we are going to be seeing from the United States confronting the Iranian militias, the Assad regime, the same way we saw in Tanf, which is in the northern – sorry, in the southern, eastern part of Syria?

MS NAUERT: So let me try to give folks an update on where things from our viewpoint – I'm not going to get into defense, DOD related issues, but in terms of Raqqa and what we can talk about.

The first piece of news I have is that our Special Presidential Envoy Brett McGurk was in Syria. He was in Syria for the past couple days, I believe, and he talked with some of the local partners of the global campaign and the coalition to defeat ISIS. He – and we're very proud to say that he was able to witness some of the humanitarian and stabilization work and assistance that's now underway in the liberated areas north of Raqqa. And think about this: in the past – a few weeks ago, we were on the outskirts – when I say "we," I mean coalition partners backed by the United States in an advise-and-assist capacity were outside of Raqqa. And now, we're already getting into that portion where we can do some humanitarian and stabilization efforts, so we're proud of that.

One of the things that Special Envoy McGurk has talked about is that once Raqqa is liberated, that we believe it's critical for local officials from the area to take over responsibility and take over responsibility for post-liberation security, but most importantly, governance down the road. This campaign is trending in a positive direction. We are pleased with that. But it's certainly not over and will take a lot of work in order to tie it up.

QUESTION: Are we going to see Assad regime forces go into Raqqa or try to govern and take these areas?

MS NAUERT: We would certainly hope not, and that is an area that is of great discussion, because the United States wants to be able to stabilize these areas, eventually be able to bring the Syrian people – whether it's in Syria or whether it's in Mosul in Iraq, we want to be able to bring our – those folks back in their communities. That's where they want to live. Conditions are not ripe for that just yet. There is a lot of demining work that has to be done – electricity, water, all of those things, so we are – folks are a long way off from seeing that just yet, and that's one of the reasons we talk about local control of those communities that is handled by a governance that is agreed to by the local people there. And so that will be one of the priorities that we would be working toward.

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QUESTION: Just to clarify --

MS NAUERT: Anything else on Syria?

QUESTION: Just to clarify --

MS NAUERT: Yeah.

QUESTION: -- what you said before, are you saying that al-Qaida has not used chemical weapons?

MS NAUERT: I'm not going to get into this conversation with you about this because --

QUESTION: Well, this is a concern.

MS NAUERT: No, no, no, no. You want to have a debate, okay, about a hypothetical, okay, and I'm not going to get into a debate.

QUESTION: If you announce that there's a pending chemical attack --

MS NAUERT: I am not going to get into a debate --

QUESTION: -- and it's going to be done by the government --

MS NAUERT: -- about a hypothetical, but what the --

QUESTION: -- if you announce that, then they could carry out an attack and it would look like the government did it. I mean, isn't that a real possibility?

MS NAUERT: If you want to try to make excuses for the Assad regime, go right ahead.

QUESTION: I'm not talking about Assad.

MS NAUERT: You've got a lot of cameras on you right now, okay?

QUESTION: I'm talking about terrorist groups. I'm talking about al-Qaida and al-Nusrah.

MS NAUERT: And I'm not going to spend all our folks' time having that conversation. We all know here in this room that Bashar al-Assad is responsible for chemical attacks on his own people, including women and children.

QUESTION: And isn't al-Qaida --

MS NAUERT: We are not going to debate it --

QUESTION: Isn't al-Qaida responsible for such things?

MS NAUERT: -- beyond that. Al-Qaida horrible too, but --

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QUESTION: Uses chemical weapons.

MS NAUERT: -- what we're talking about right now is Assad and Syria.

QUESTION: Well, I asked you about al-Qaida.

MS NAUERT: Okay. Next question.

QUESTION: That's what I was asking for a clarification on.

MS NAUERT: Something else on Syria?

QUESTION: Russia?

MS NAUERT: Okay, let's go to Russia.

QUESTION: Okay, so --

MS NAUERT: All right.

QUESTION: Why not?

QUESTION: One more question on Syria, sorry.

QUESTION: So – sorry.

MS NAUERT: Okay. Michele, just hold on one second.

QUESTION: Yeah, sure.

MS NAUERT: Okay. Go right ahead.

QUESTION: So the Turkish forces have announced that they attacked U.S. partners SDF, especially YPG in Syria, and they threatened they would do so in Afrin. Are you concerned about this new Turkish bombardment of your partners in Syria?

MS NAUERT: Our – the reason that the United States is involved in Syria is to take out ISIS. That's why we care and that's why we are there. Our focus is on liberating Raqqa right now. Our forces aren't operating in the area that you're talking about. I don't want to get into DOD territory. That is theirs. But our focus is on another part of Syria right now.

Okay. Michelle, you had something on Russia.

QUESTION: I wanted to ask this one at the top. Just one last thing about Syria that's --

MS NAUERT: Let's just talk about it after because we've got to wrap it up and I know we have some other questions from other regions.

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QUESTION: Yeah, I'll be really quick. With the meetings that are coming up now, does the Secretary of State --

MS NAUERT: You're referring to the G20?

QUESTION: Yeah, with Russia.

MS NAUERT: Okay.

QUESTION: Does the Secretary of State expect and want the President to bring up continued Russian cyber meddling in the United States during this meeting? And will Tillerson bring that up with Lavrov?

MS NAUERT: I don't know. That's a good question and that's a valid question that a lot of Americans will want to know the answer to. We've not had deep discussions about specifically what might happen in any given meeting. I know that General H.R. McMaster, the National Security Advisor, announced that the President would be meeting with – with Vladimir Putin, thank you – at that meeting coming up, but I don't have any meetings or any schedules to go into beyond that.

QUESTION: Do you know if the Secretary would like him to bring up that issue?

MS NAUERT: That I don't know.

QUESTION: Okay.

MS NAUERT: That I don't know. I haven't – we've been talking so much about other things lately that that one hasn't come up.

QUESTION: Okay.

QUESTION: Heather, thank you.

MS NAUERT: Hey, how are you?

QUESTION: The Secretary said earlier today he'd like to see staffing approval move at a faster rate at the White House --

QUESTION: Excuse me, can we stay on Russia?

QUESTION: Actually, let me finish my question, please.

MS NAUERT: Wait, hold on. Let her finish this one, yeah.

QUESTION: Thanks. The Secretary said on camera today that he would like to see approvals of his staff positions go more quickly, frustrated that they haven't been at the White House. Has he received any assurance that they will?

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MS NAUERT: Well, part of this is a bureaucratic process, and I know everyone would like to see this go faster, from the Secretary down to regular folks here at the State Department. That is something the Secretary has – as you heard, he spoke about earlier today. One of the issues is certainly the paperwork, and I know I went through some of that paperwork myself, including over at the Office of Government Ethics, and it takes time. It takes time to do that. It takes time to go through lots of resumes and people's applications and all of that.

So I know that the Secretary is very engaged in it. I know that the Deputy Secretary John Sullivan is very focused on this as well and trying to – in trying to speed things along. And so we're optimistic that we'll be able to do that now that we have more people in place.

QUESTION: But without an assistant secretary of state for Asia, for Europe to handle these Russia issues – I mean, has that impacted diplomacy? The Secretary made clear he knows who he wants.

MS NAUERT: I have seen some fantastic people here in this building who are what some would deride as holdovers, and they're terrific. I mean, they really are. They're committed to their jobs. They're professional every day. You all know a lot of them. They have just dove into the issues, stayed engaged in the issues. Even those who are retiring have stayed as engaged as I understand that they were even a couple years ago. So I'm tremendously impressed with what a terrific job that they're doing, and frankly hope some of them will stick around because they're a real attribute to this building and have worked hard on behalf of the Secretary and the folks here at the State Department.

QUESTION: So you're saying no damage to diplomacy that you can detect?

MS NAUERT: Me personally, that I can detect, I – look, I think the Secretary and his words speak for themselves that he would like to see things moving along at a faster pace. Sure, we'd like to be able to fill those positions, and that is happening, and anticipate that it will happen at a faster pace. But the people who have been doing those jobs in the meantime have done a fantastic job, and I've had the good fortune of being able to work with a lot of them so far.

QUESTION: One quick question.

MS NAUERT: Yeah.

QUESTION: Henry Kissinger is meeting with Vladimir Putin today ahead of the upcoming U.S. meetings. He was in the Oval Office after Russia's top diplomats were meeting with the President. Is he playing any diplomatic role with this administration, either with the Secretary or in some other role?

MS NAUERT: I don't have an answer to that. I believe they know one another, but I can try to look into that and see what I can get for you. Okay.

QUESTION: Thanks.

MS NAUERT: Okay, go ahead.

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QUESTION: Thank you. I just wanted to clarify if the Secretary and the foreign minister will have a full-scale meeting or just pull-aside at the G20. Point one. And point two, is there any movement over the dachas issue?

MS NAUERT: Okay.

QUESTION: Because the Russians --

MS NAUERT: To your first point, and as you all know, the Secretary will be traveling over to the G20 summit. We had a meeting that had been scheduled with our Under Secretary Tom Shannon, and that was canceled by the Russians. The topic that was on the agenda were some of those smaller issues, such as the dachas that I know are very important to the Russian Government. That meeting was canceled. I know that we are certainly open to having that meeting rescheduled and would look forward to that to get some of these so-called irritants out of the way and deal with some of those things.

In terms of any meetings at the G20 with regard to the Secretary's schedule, I just don't have any meetings or any information to give you on – at this time.

Okay?

QUESTION: Thanks.

MS NAUERT: Last question.

QUESTION: The Secretary spent a lot of time on the GCC crisis this week.

MS NAUERT: That's right.

QUESTION: Did he make any progress?

MS NAUERT: So yeah, that was a big topic of conversation around here, certainly. I know that we continue to urge all of the parties to work together and resolve this issue. The United States continues to stand by and say we will help you in a manner in which you need. The Kuwaitis have done a terrific job of taking the lead as mediators. As you know, the Kuwaitis were here earlier this week. The Secretary met with them and talked with them about the importance. Everybody gets it. I think everybody gets it that this needs to be resolved. When it will be resolved, we're not certain of that at this time, but we're hoping that the parties will all agree to work together and recognize that there's going to be a negotiation that needs to be had.

QUESTION: Well, they're saying – especially the Saudis are saying – no negotiations. So where is the process if no one is negotiating?

MS NAUERT: Yeah, I think I'd have to refer you to those governments to talk specifically about that, but the Kuwaitis remain what I would consider to be sort of the lead mediator, and we're standing by ready to help and advise, if and when we can.

Okay.

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QUESTION: Just one question on Iraq?

MS NAUERT: Okay.

QUESTION: Thank you. The Kurdish president, Massoud Barzani, yesterday had an op-ed published in *The Washington Post* making the case for Kurdish independence. He said the referendum is binding, contrary to previous media reports. He also said that it will not be a unilateral step by the Kurds; it will be a result of a negotiated settlement with Baghdad. So my question is: Would the United States support it if the Iraqis, like, do it in a negotiated settlement among themselves?

MS NAUERT: I think what we would continue to say about that is that the fight against ISIS is on and that would be the top U.S. concern and probably the top Iraqi concern, I would imagine, at this time. We support our partnership with the Government of Iraq. We continue to support that. We want to see the sole focus stay on ISIS. You've had far too many Iraqis who have had to leave their homes because of ISIS and the horrific things that they have done in that country. So we would like to see ISIS out and then, once Iraq has stabilized and people can go back to their homes, a referendum if Iraq decides to do that, if the Kurds decide to do that. That would be an internal Iraqi matter.

We've got to go, folks. Thanks a lot.

QUESTION: Thank you.

(The briefing was concluded at 4:14 p.m.)

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:46 PM
To: Stoebe, Danielle M

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Remind me about pictures from Vatican and North Korea. Thank you.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Ciccone, Christine M
Sent: Saturday, July 01, 2017 1:07 PM
To: [redacted] B6
Subject: RE: Request

Hi [redacted] B6
Thanks for your resume and offer of assistance. We are starting to put together working groups now and I will make sure they know of your interest. There will be many opportunities and we look forward to your participation.
Christine

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From [redacted] B6
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Ciccone, Christine M <CicconeCM@state.gov>
Cc [redacted] B6
Subject: Request

Dear Christine:

I am a senior FSO with broad experience in multiple regions of the world, and in both the regional and functional bureaus. Currently, I'm on a recall appointment in T that ends next Friday.

With my intricate knowledge of national security, foreign policy, economics and trade, and public affairs, I'm very interested in supporting the Secretary's program for changing the State Department. We need it, and I have lots of ideas about how we could accomplish a restructuring to meet the demands of diplomacy in the 21st century.

Attached is my resume. I hope you will keep me in mind should a suitable opportunity arise.

Best Regards,

[redacted] B6

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

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From: McKay, Roland D
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2017 12:18 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S
Cc: Piazza, Lucia C; S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: S callbook for GCC - July 2
Attachments: 17_07_01_CS_S_Shoukry.docx; 20170701_CS_S_Tillerson_MbZ_final.docx; 17_07_01_CS_S_FM_Khalifav2.docx; 20170701_CS_S_Tillerson_MbS.docx

Tad,

Attached are final versions of callsheets for the Sunday, July 2 book.

Roland

Roland McKay
Special Assistant
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 11:48 AM
To: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: FW: AM to NEA re Egypt decisions

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Putting to top of inboxes, especially as we're passing in an S/P note on this topic now.

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From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:55 AM
To: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>; Piazza, Lucia C <PiazzaLC@state.gov>
Subject: AM to NEA re Egypt decisions

Specials, can we be sure this has been tasked through the line? Will need to include, in some fashion, the two papers Jones sent the COS at 0915 on 6/26.

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From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Jones, Stuart E <JonesS2@state.gov>; Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov>; Peterlin, Margaret JA <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>; Kenna, Lisa D <kennald@state.gov>; Ciccone, Christine M <CicconeCM@state.gov>; Lempert, Yael <LempertY@state.gov>; LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>; Reynolds, Luke <ReynoldsJL2@state.gov>
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Subject: RE: B5

Ambassador Jones, Thank you for this heads up. Would NEA please convert the options paper and points below into an Action Memo for the Secretary's timely review and decision. Thanks, Tad

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From: Jones, Stuart E
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov>; Peterlin, Margaret JA <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>; Kenna, Lisa D <kennald@state.gov>; Ciccone, Christine M <CicconeCM@state.gov>; Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>; Lempert, Yael <LempertY@state.gov>; LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>; Reynolds, Luke <ReynoldsJL2@state.gov>
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: D WHA Duty Officer4
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 1:48 PM
To: Frost, William D
Subject: RE: FINAL Tasking List for July 3, 2017

Sorry. Yes.

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From: Frost, William D
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 1:09 PM
To: D WHA Duty Officer4 <DDutyOfficer4@state.gov>
Subject: RE: FINAL Tasking List for July 3, 2017

Am I good to send back to Kerri then?

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From: D WHA Duty Officer4
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 1:08 PM
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Agree.

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Julie,

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I'd like to add one line (in blue) to the following lines on [redacted] B5

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From: Adams, Katina D
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 12:53 PM
To: Spindler-Ranta, Kerri; EAP-Press
Cc: DRL-Press; DRL-EAP-Team
Subject: RE: FINAL Tasking List for July 3, 2017

Return lines..

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Cc: DRL-Press; DRL-EAP-Team
Subject: RE: FINAL Tasking List for July 3, 2017

Hi Katina,

Can you send us the Hong Kong lines for clearance when you get a chance?

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Thanks!
Kerri

From: Adams, Katina D
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Spindler-Ranta, Kerri; EAP-Press
Subject: RE: FINAL Tasking List for July 3, 2017

Kerri- We are referring to DOD on the weekend FONOP's, however the general lines below were cleared last week. (Basically all previously cleared points.)

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Hi all,

Just checking back in on this, have these return lines been developed?

Thanks!
Kerri

From: Spindler-Ranta, Kerri
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 7:54 AM
To: EAP-Press
Cc: DRL-Press; DRL-EAP-Team
Subject: Fwd: FINAL Tasking List for July 3, 2017

Good morning,

DRL would like to clear on the China lines.

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Best,
Kerri

From: Holladay, Darby G. <HolladayDG@state.gov>
Date: July 3, 2017 at 7:22:45 AM EDT
To: PAO Group <PAOGroup2@state.gov>
Subject: FINAL Tasking List for July 3, 2017

Good Morning,
There is no press briefing. Guidance collection will be virtual.
Thanks,
DGH

FINAL Tasking List for July 3, 2017
Unclassified Email: PA Press

Daily Schedule
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Please notify PA Press of any topper you plan to request that the Spokesperson deliver at the DPB, and come prepared to guidance collection with the cleared topper and Q&A.

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EAP/PM/CHINA: [redacted] B5
EAP/DRL/HONG KONG: [redacted]
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EUR
EUR/TURKEY: Update as needed.

NEA
NEA/SECI/SYRIA: Update as needed.
NEA/SECI/AVC/IRAQ: Update as needed.
NEA/LIBYA: Update as needed.
NEA/YEMEN: Update as needed.
NEA/QATAR: Update as needed, and note the 48 hour extension.

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CA/SCA/AFGHANISTAN:

WHA
WHA/VENEZUELA: Update as needed.

MISC
CA: Update and return lines on individual Amcits detained in Afghanistan, Venezuela, China, DPRK, and others as appropriate.
PRM/CA: Update the Travel EO as needed.

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From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 2:32 PM
To: Lin, Jessica Y; D EAP Duty Officer; Mahoney, Patricia A; Swyer, Cody W; Ford, Benjamin T; Duvall, Linnea
Subject: RE: For Clearance: Monday: 12:00pm: AA for ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial

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Best Regards,

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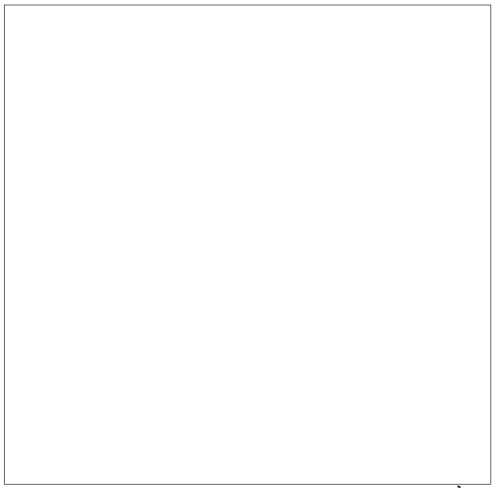
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From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Kiefer, Daniel A
Cc: Helmkamp, Christopher D
Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE PLEASE

Looks fine, but [redacted] I agree with your edits to [redacted] Change one of the "urge" to "ecourage" so we don't say the same thing twice. Thanks! B5

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Subject: FW: FLASH CLEARANCE PLEASE

Hi Elizabeth,

Slightly revised version for your clearance please.

Thanks,
Dan

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Cc: EAP-MTS-INDONESIA-DL; Helmkamp, Christopher D; Austin, Nathaniel F
Subject: FLASH CLEARANCE PLEASE

Colleagues,

A very short BB card attached for your clearance by 3:00 p.m. today. Most of the language was cleared in other documents. Sorry for the rush and thank you!

Best,

Dan Kiefer
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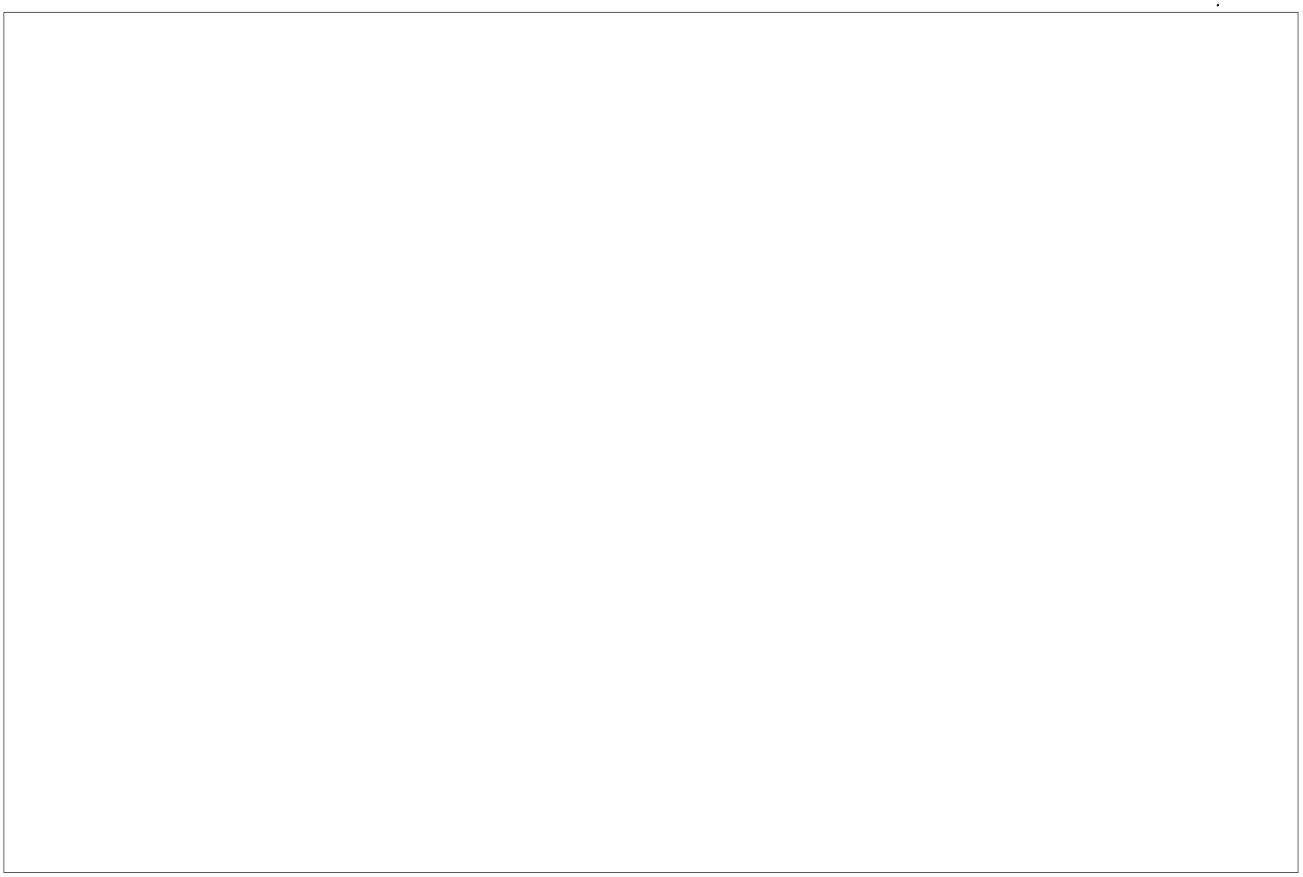
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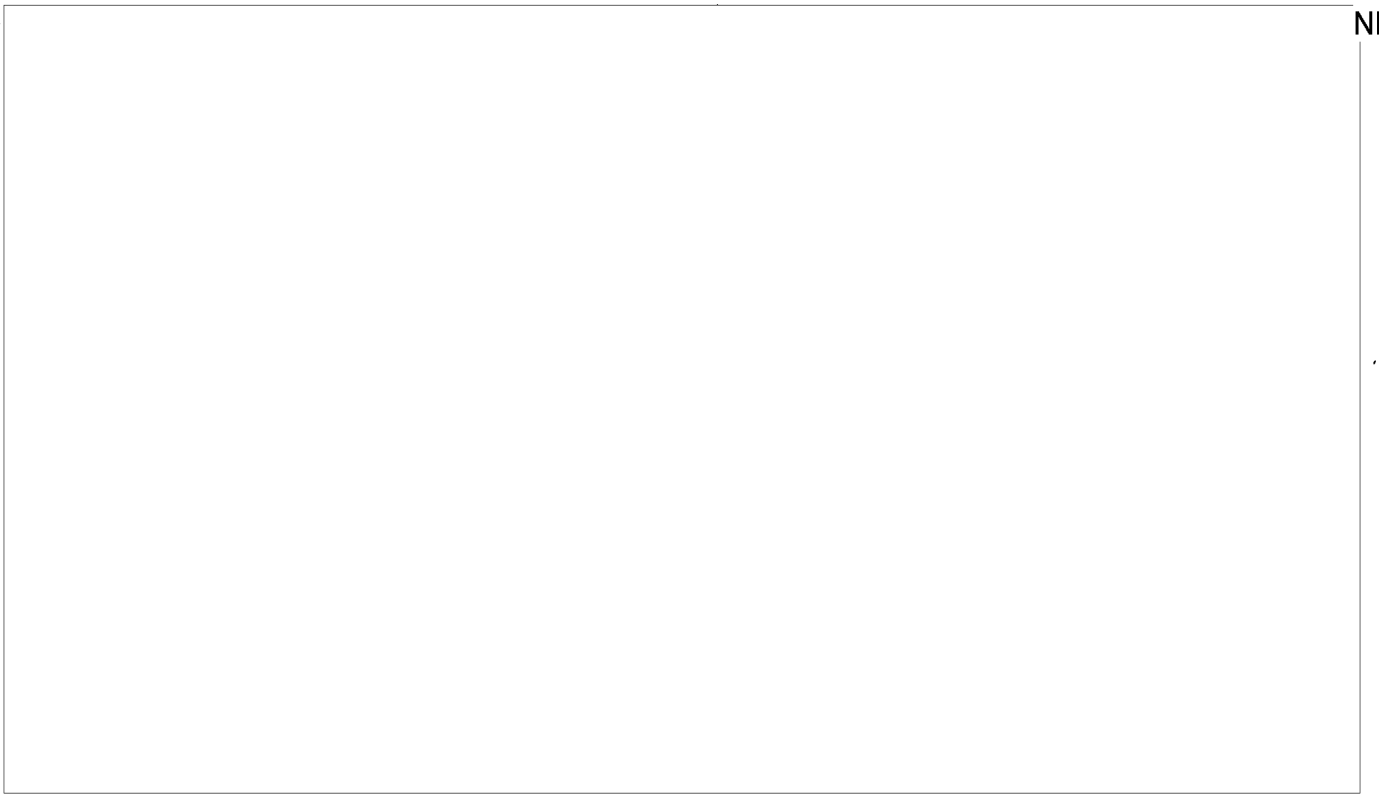
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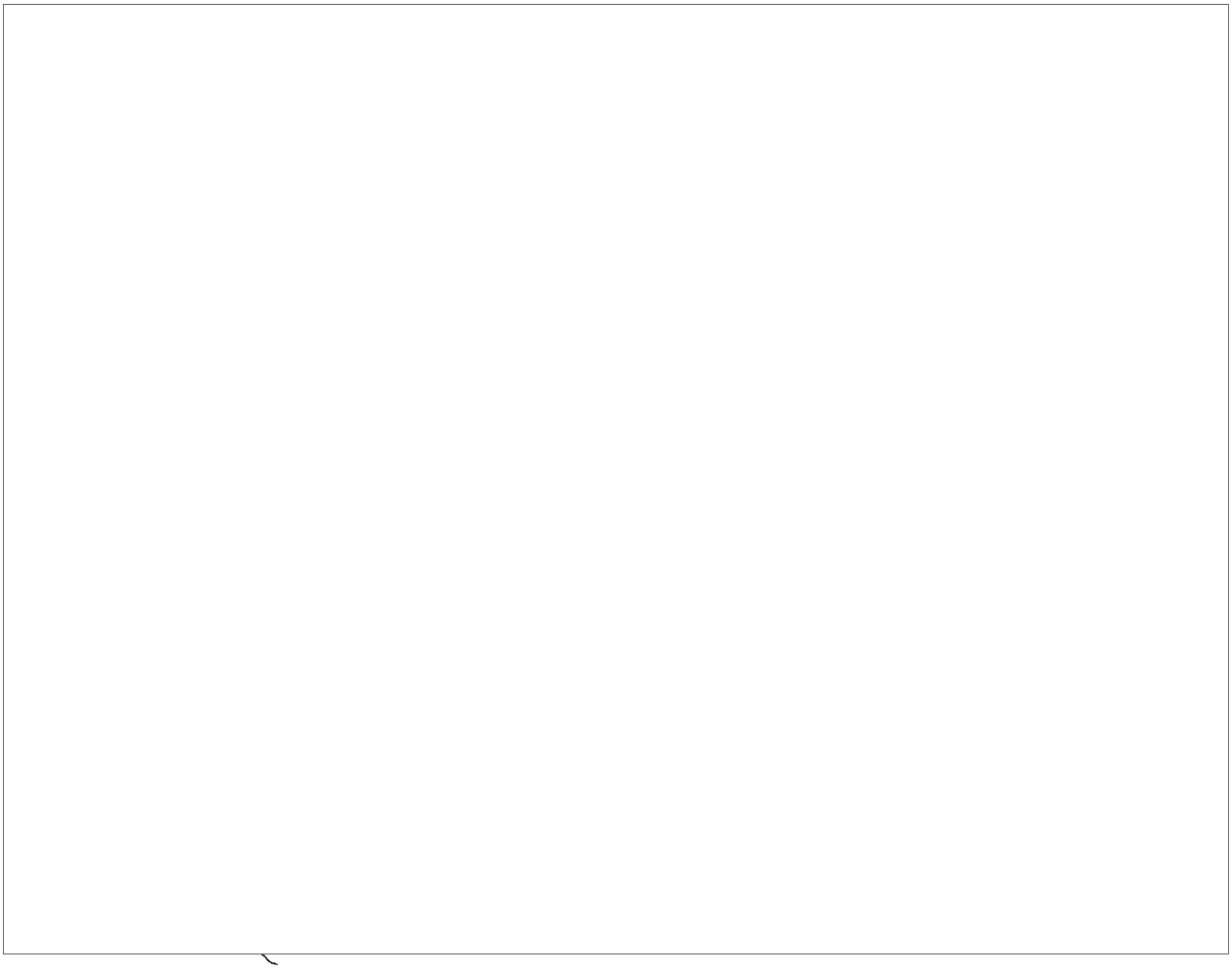
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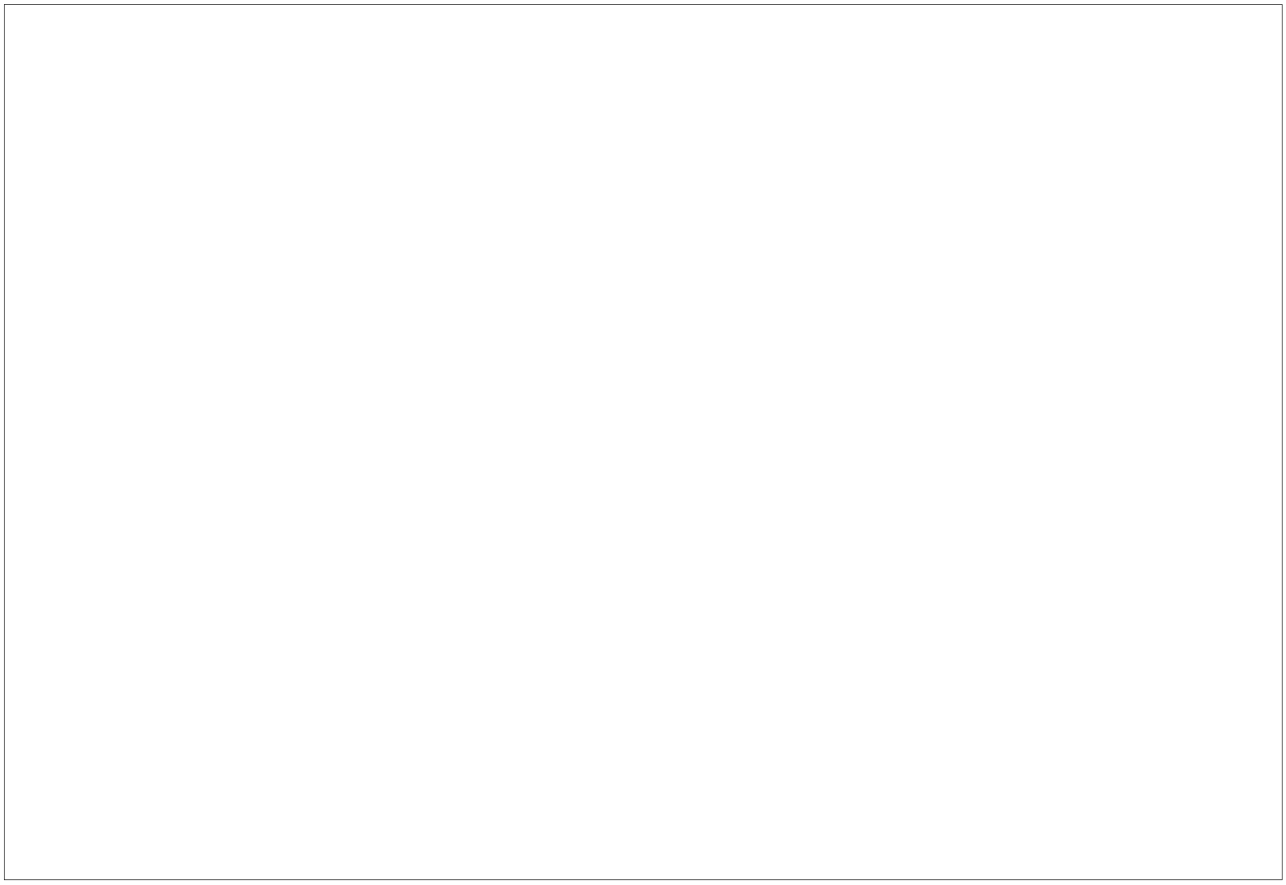
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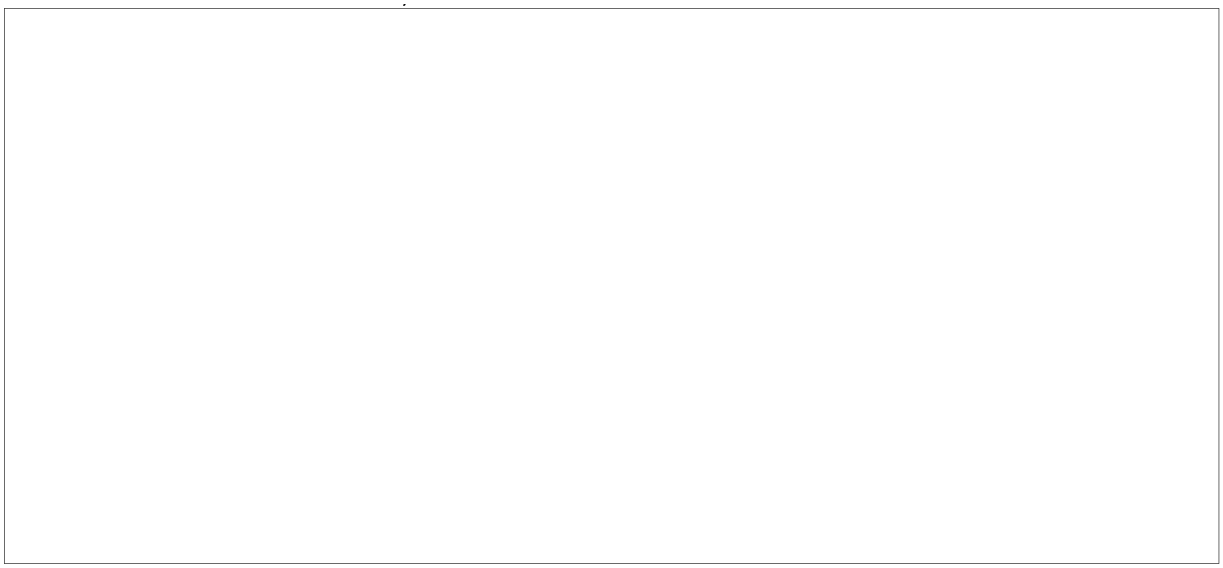
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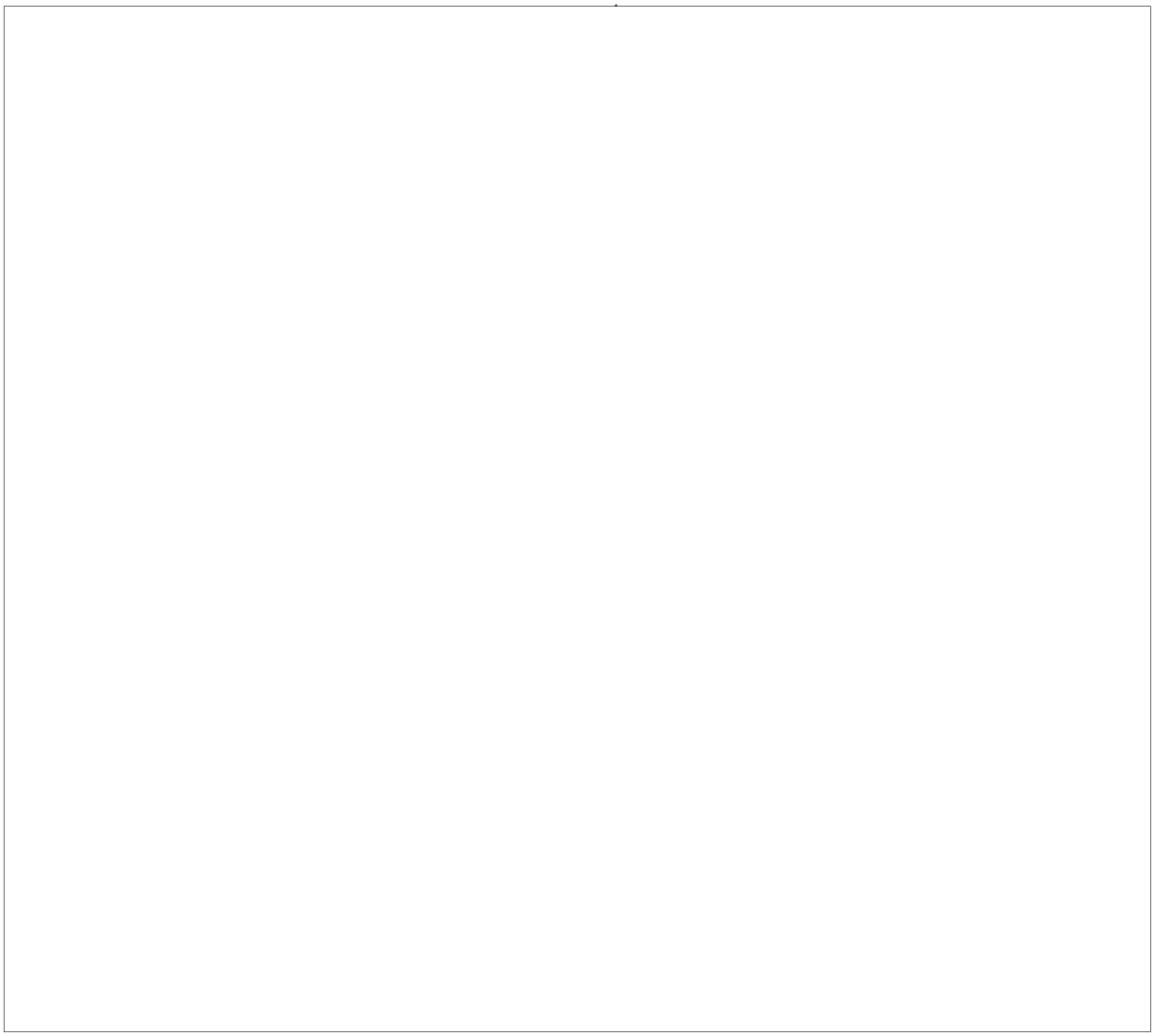
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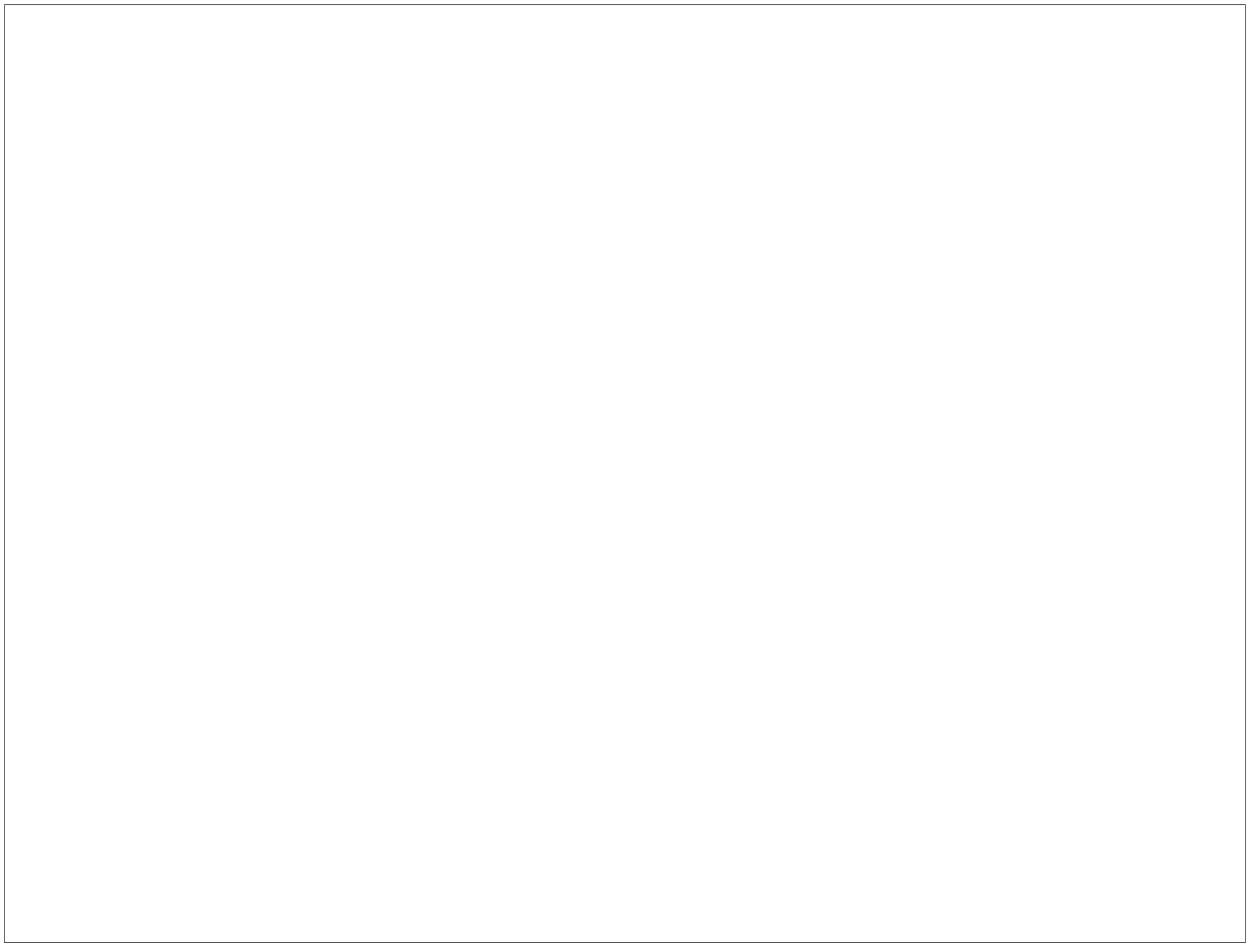
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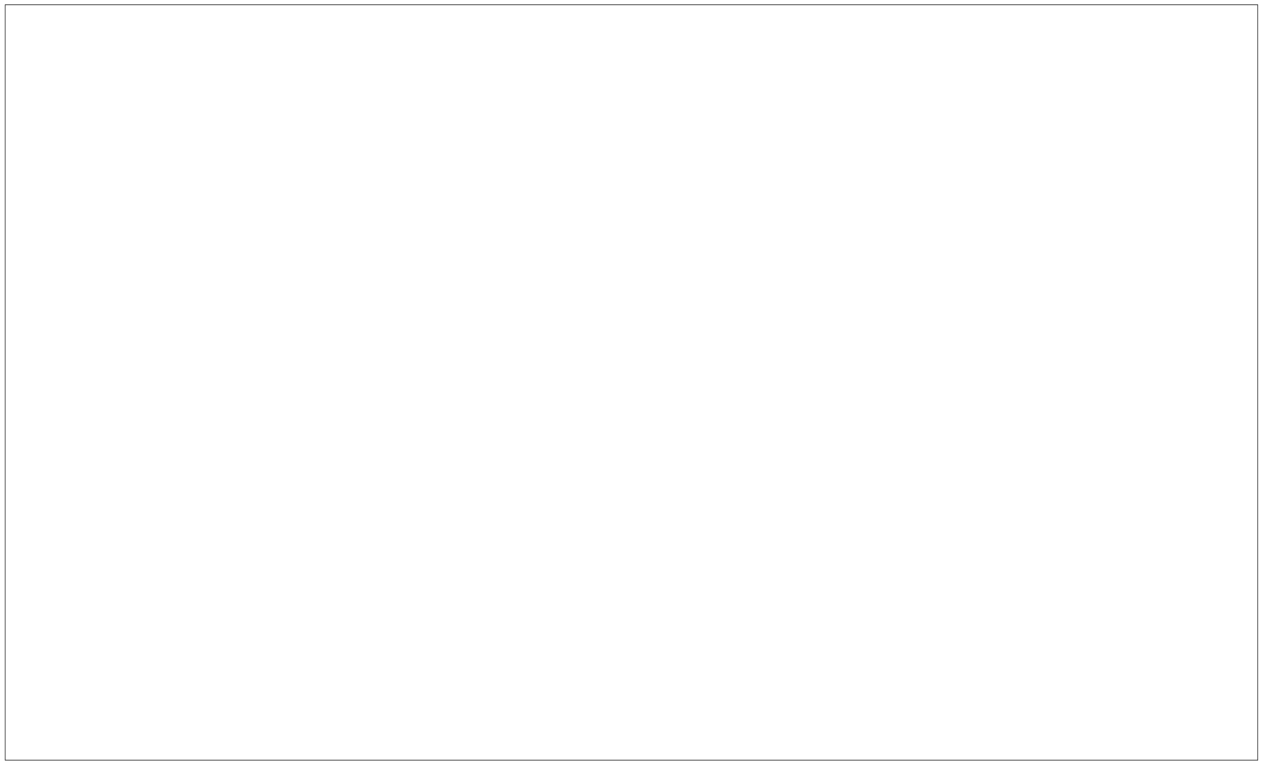
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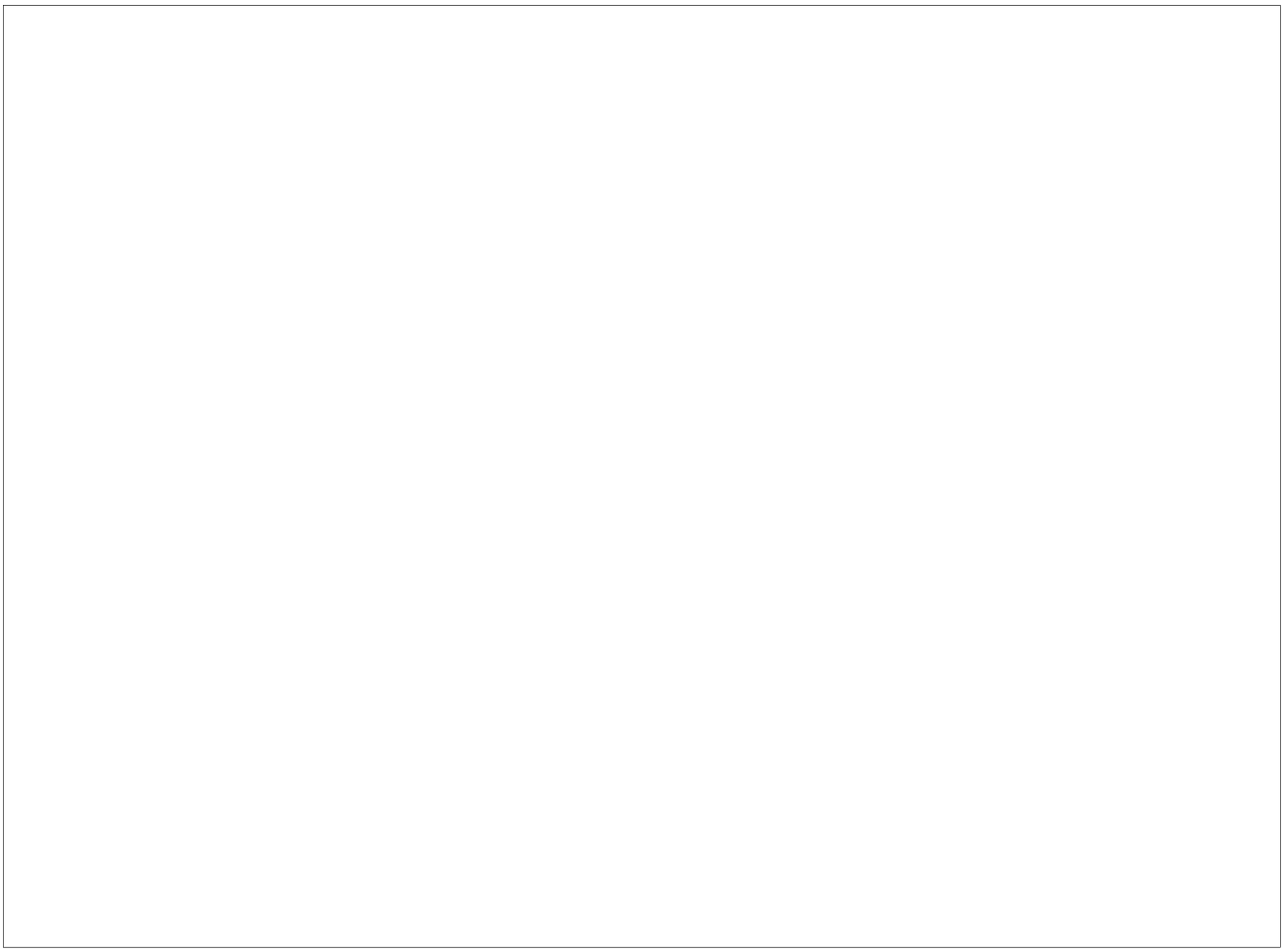
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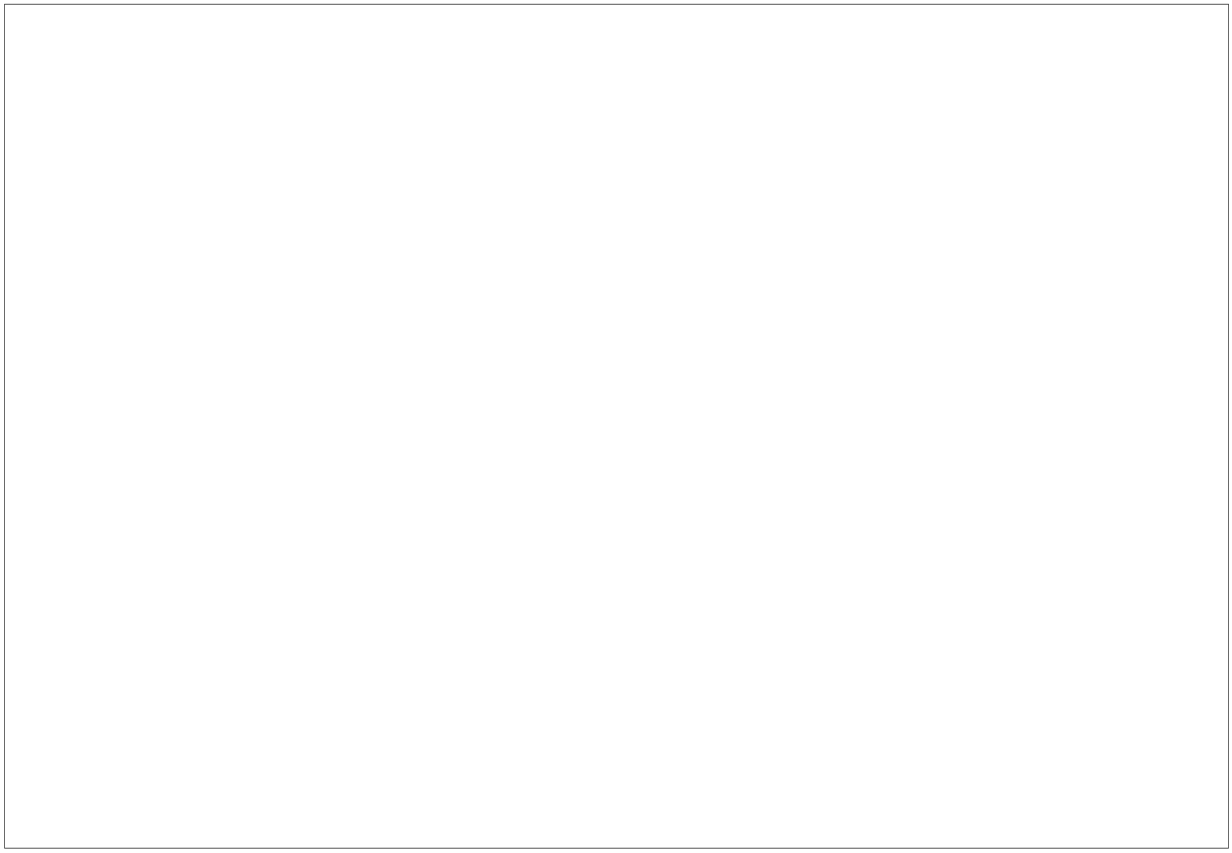


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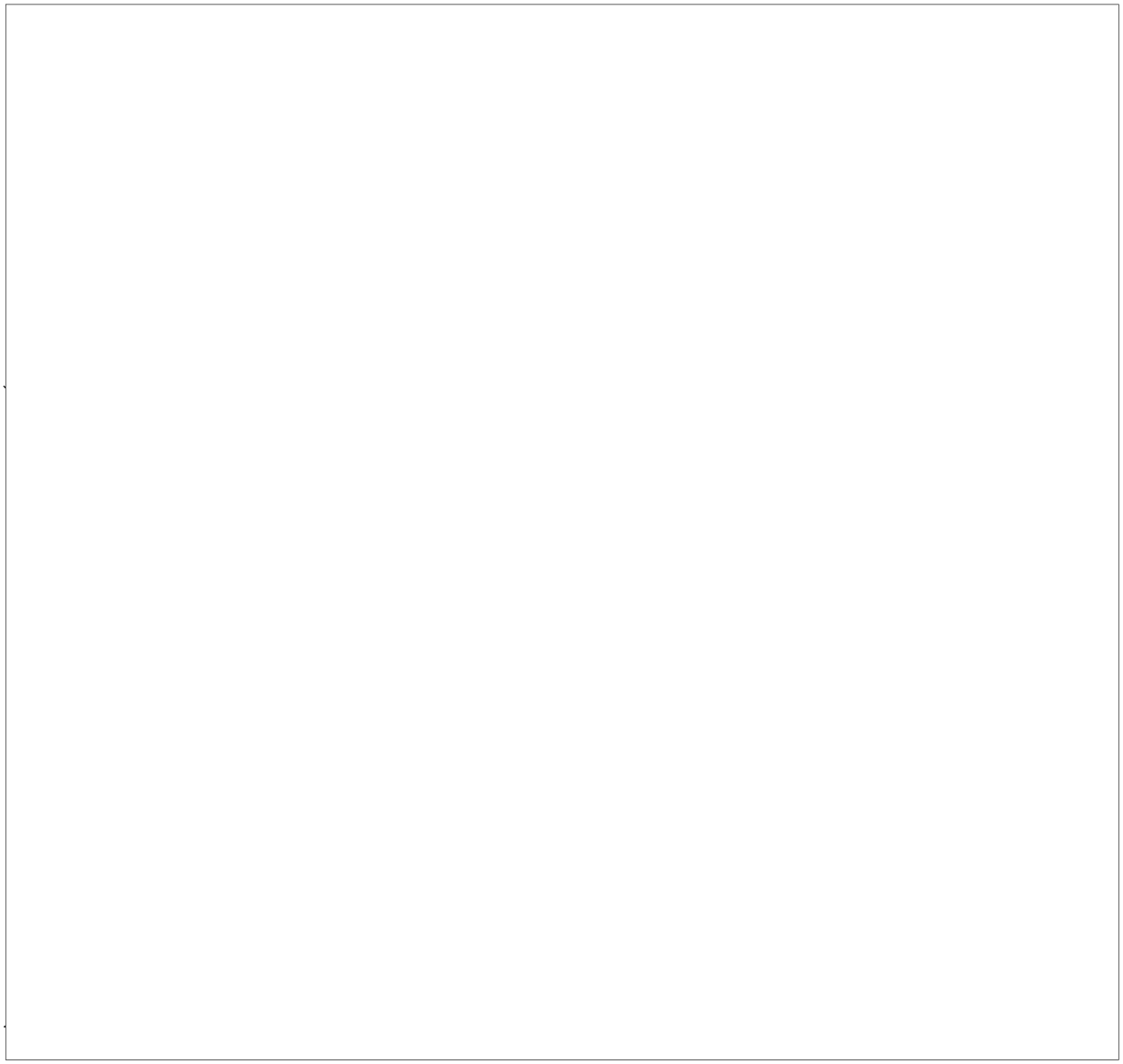
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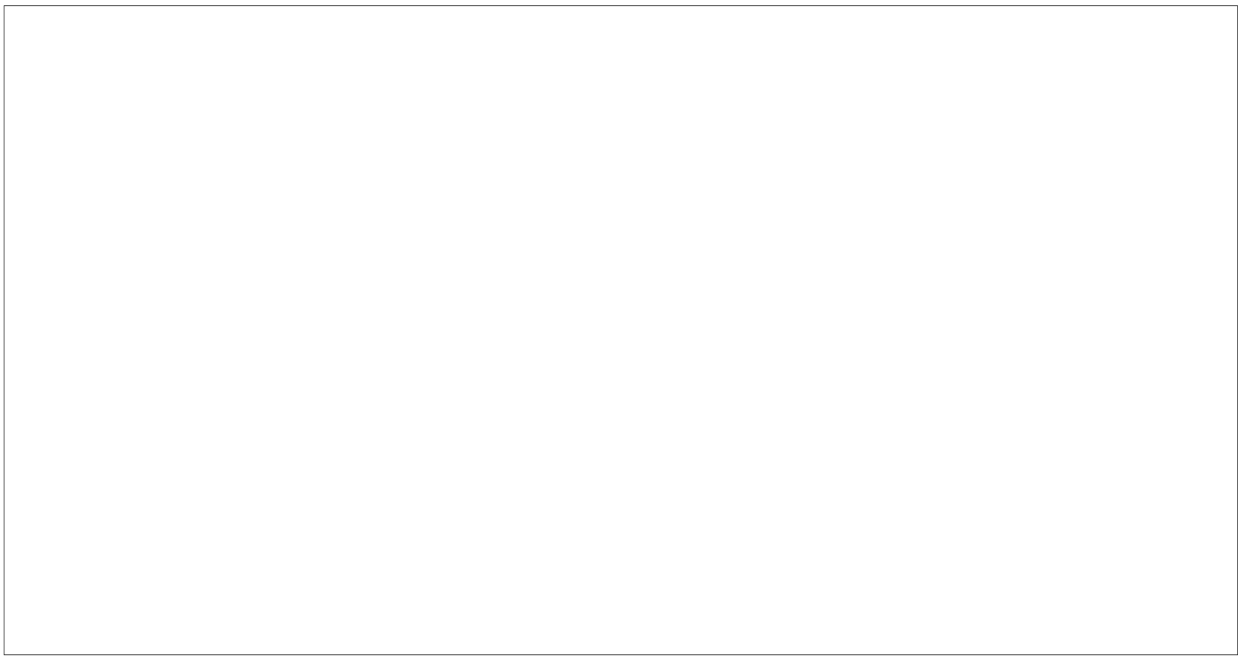
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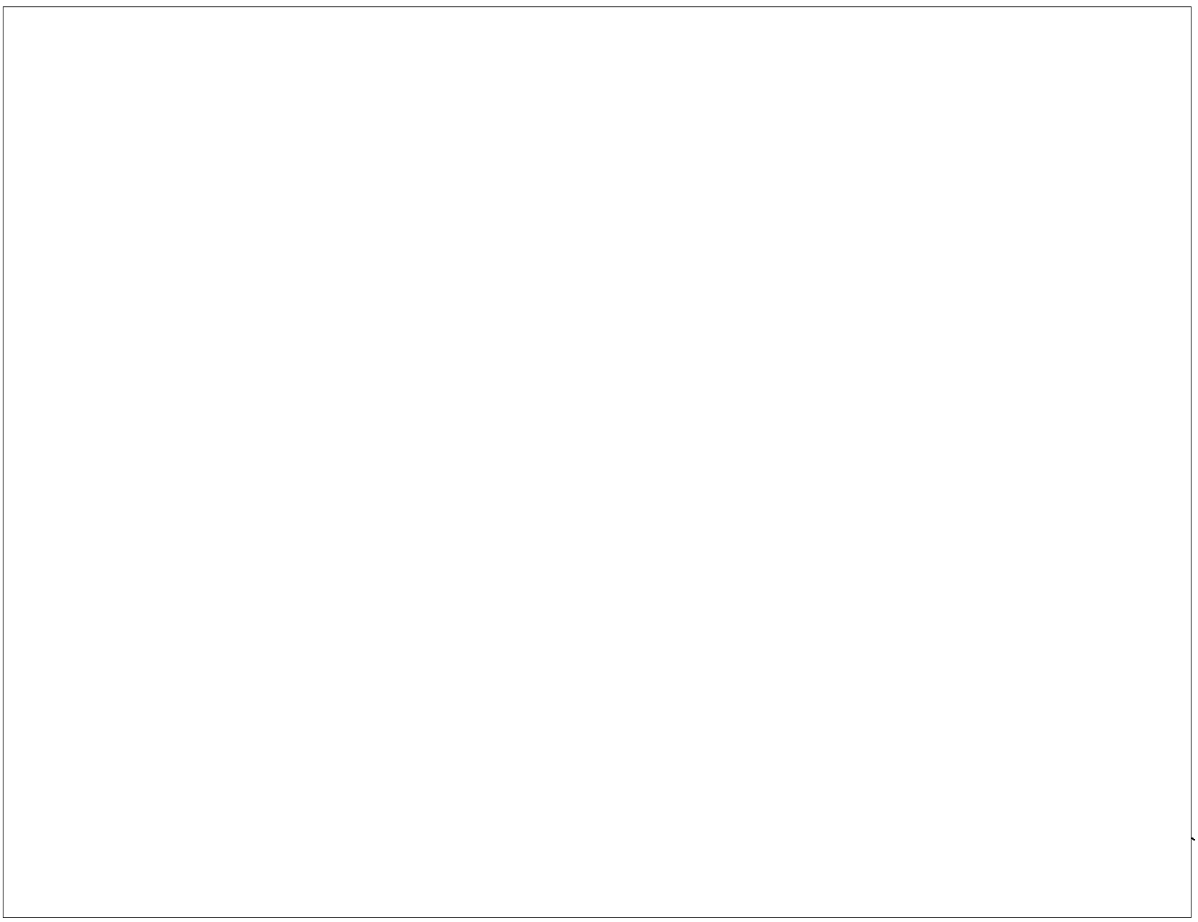
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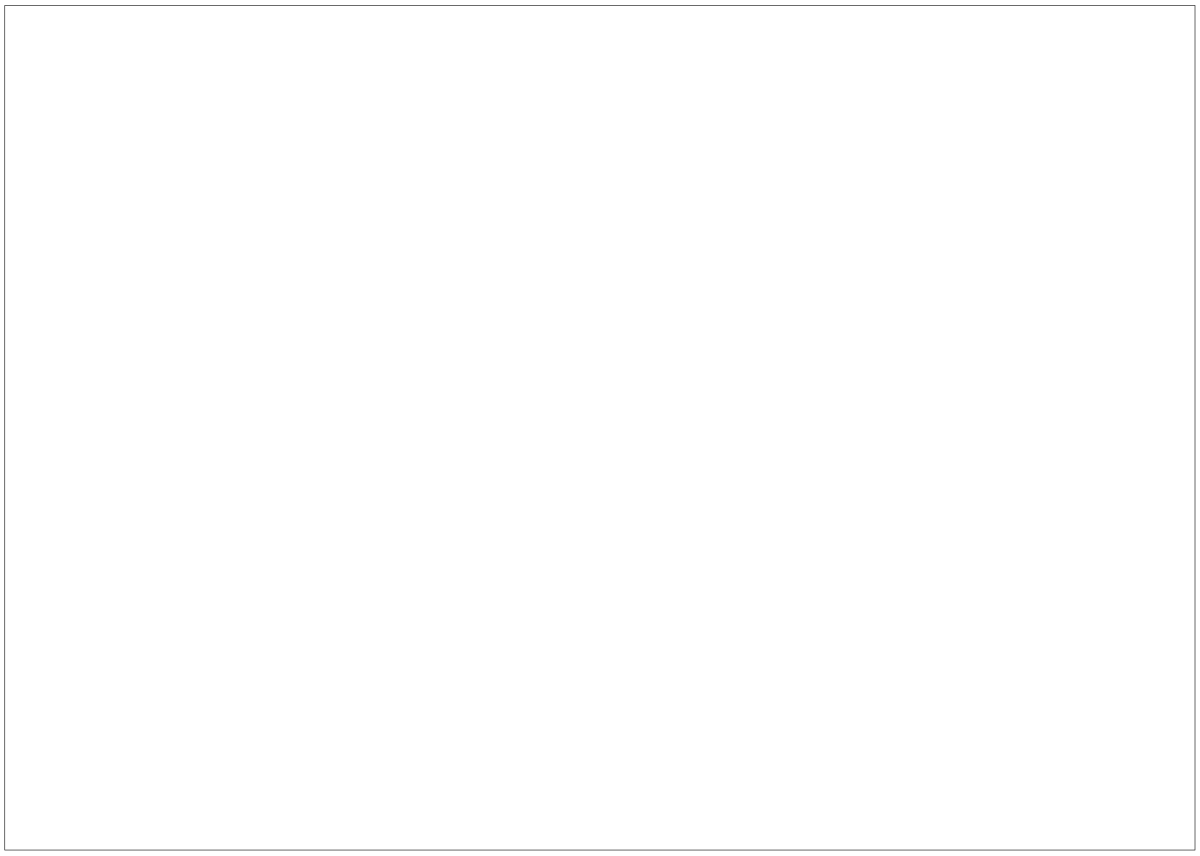


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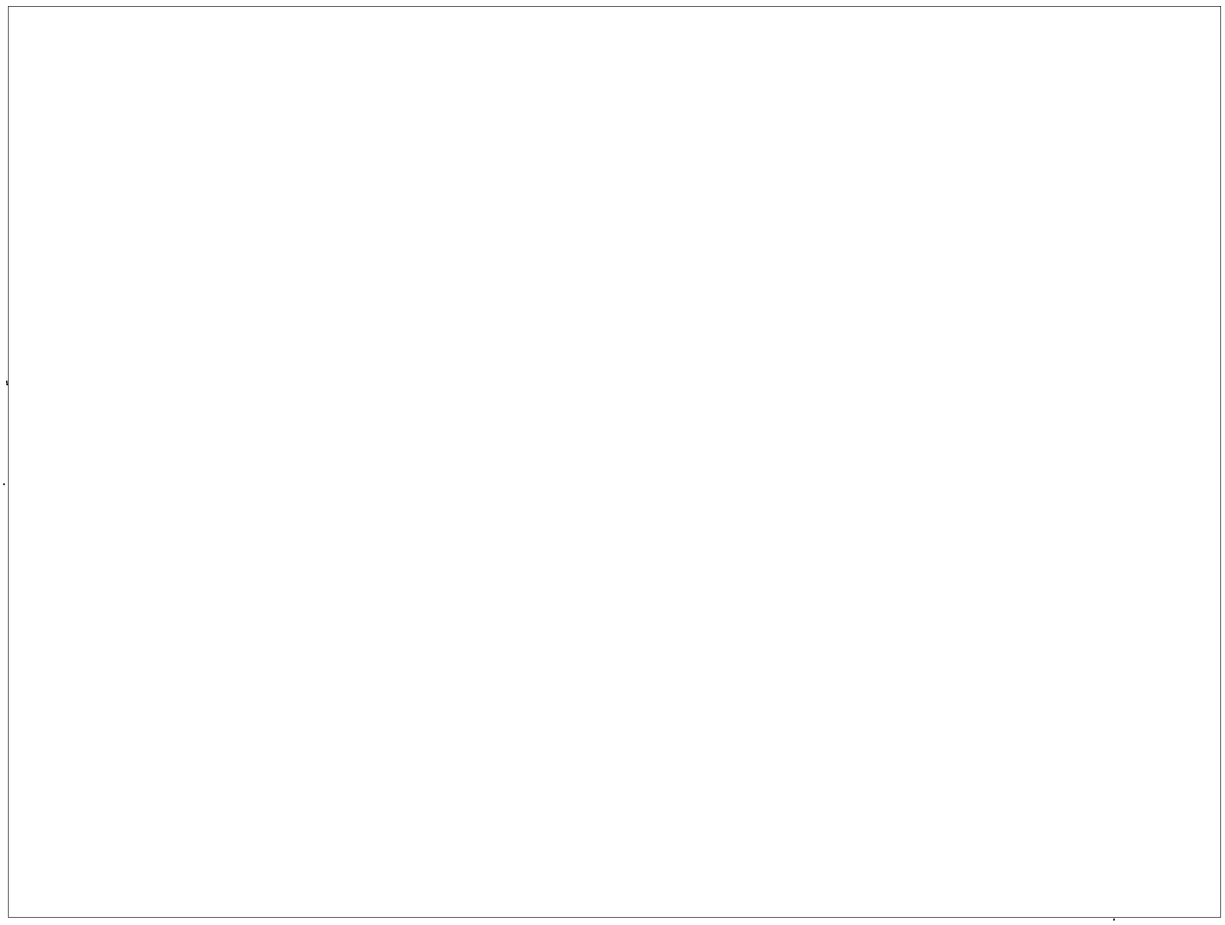
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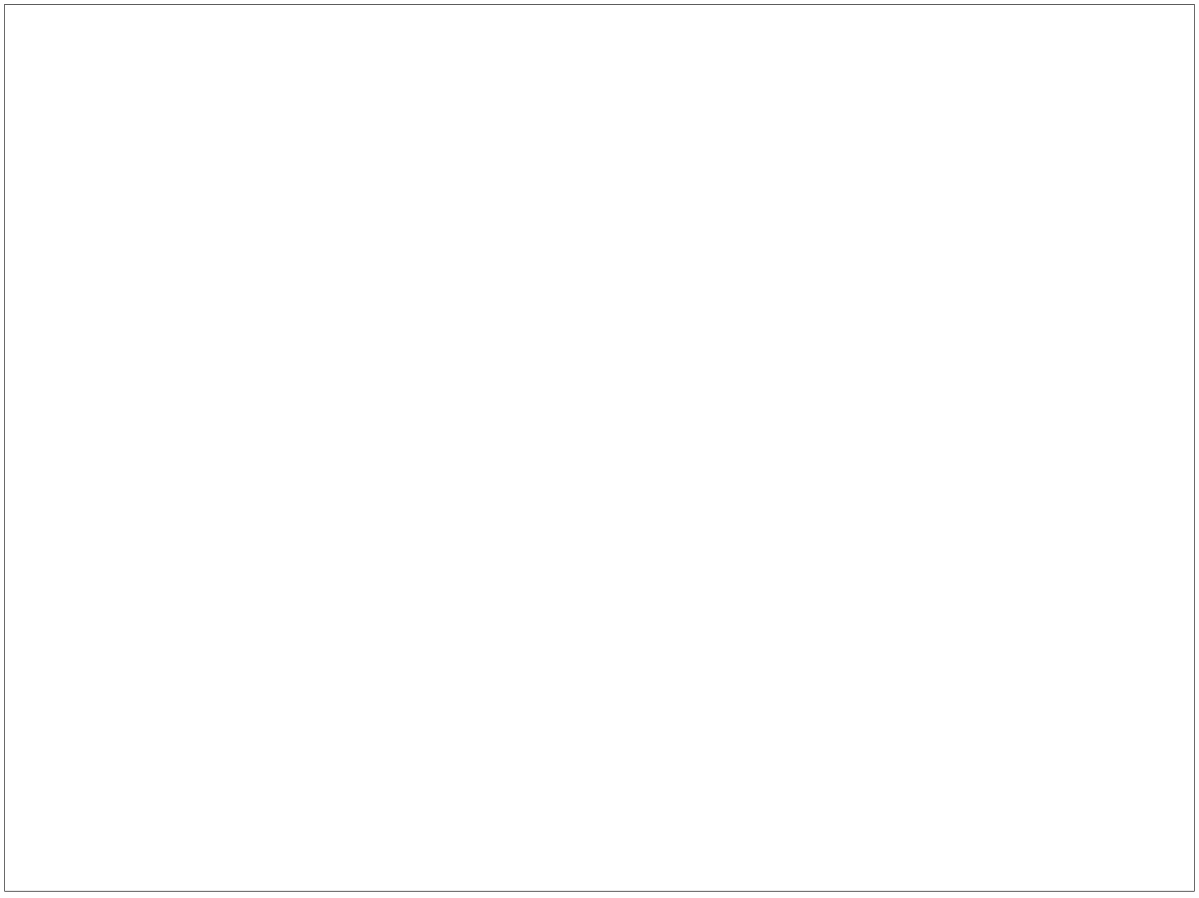
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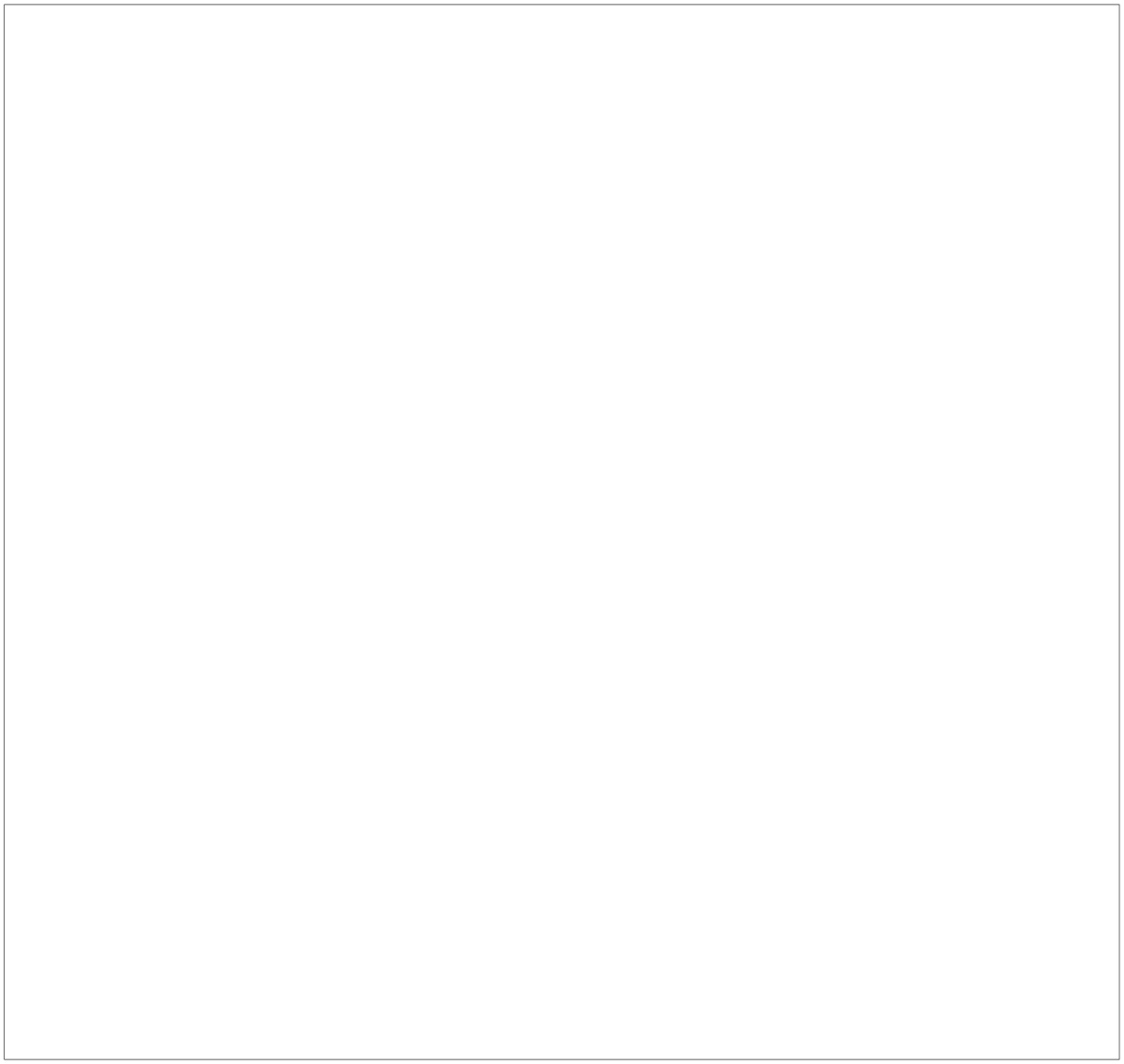
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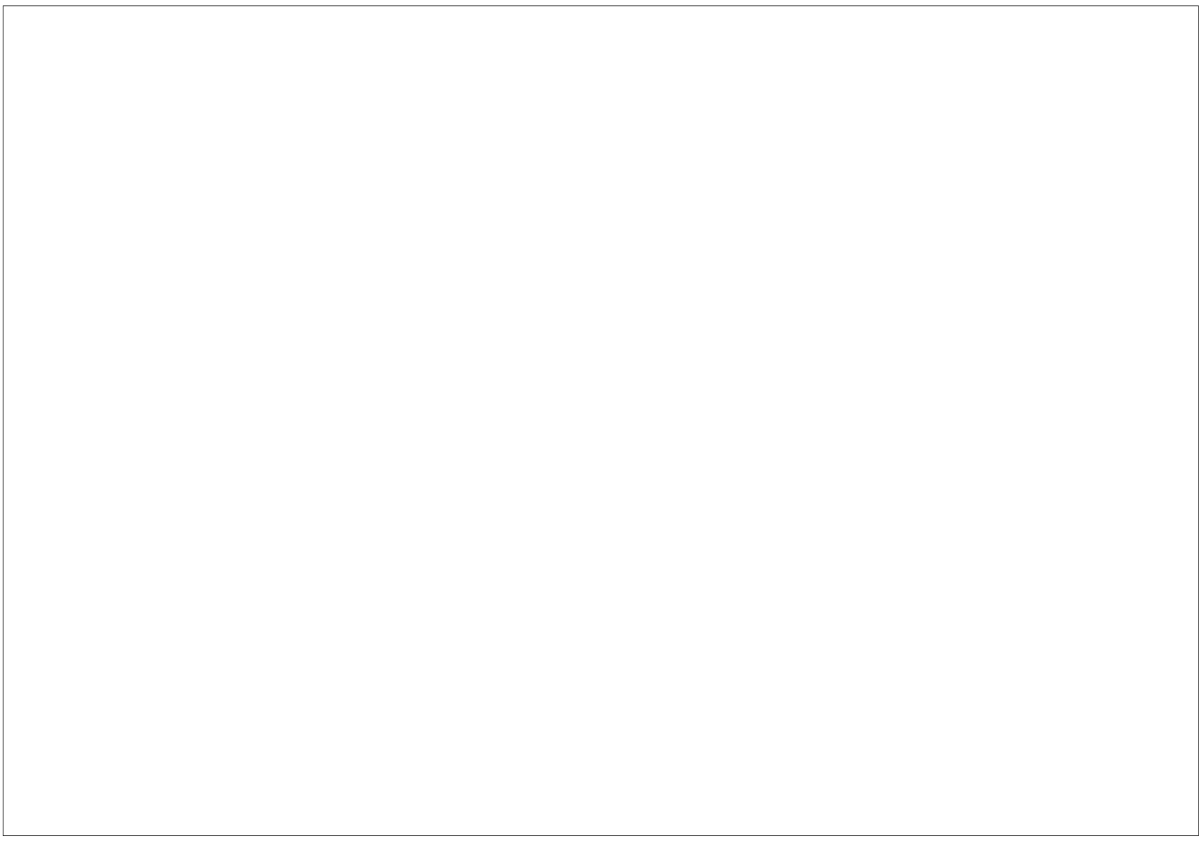
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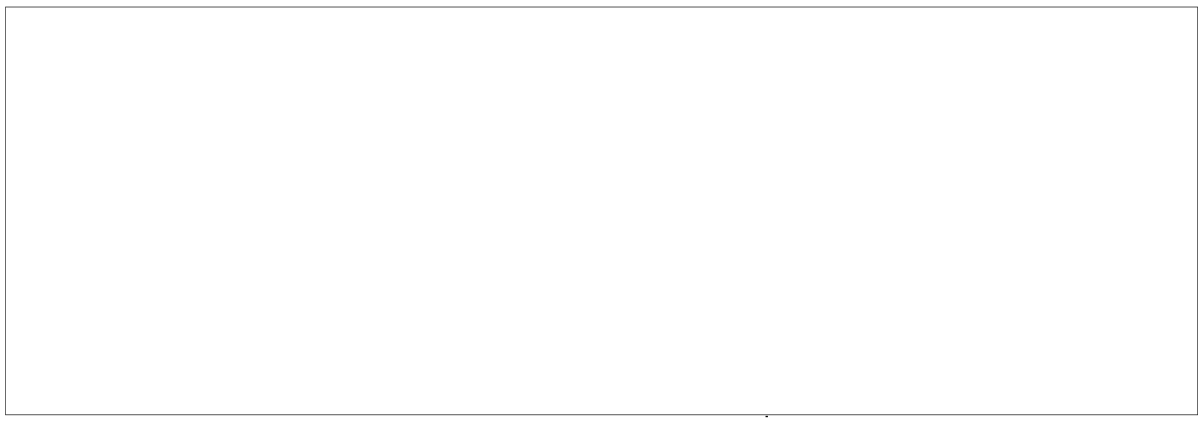
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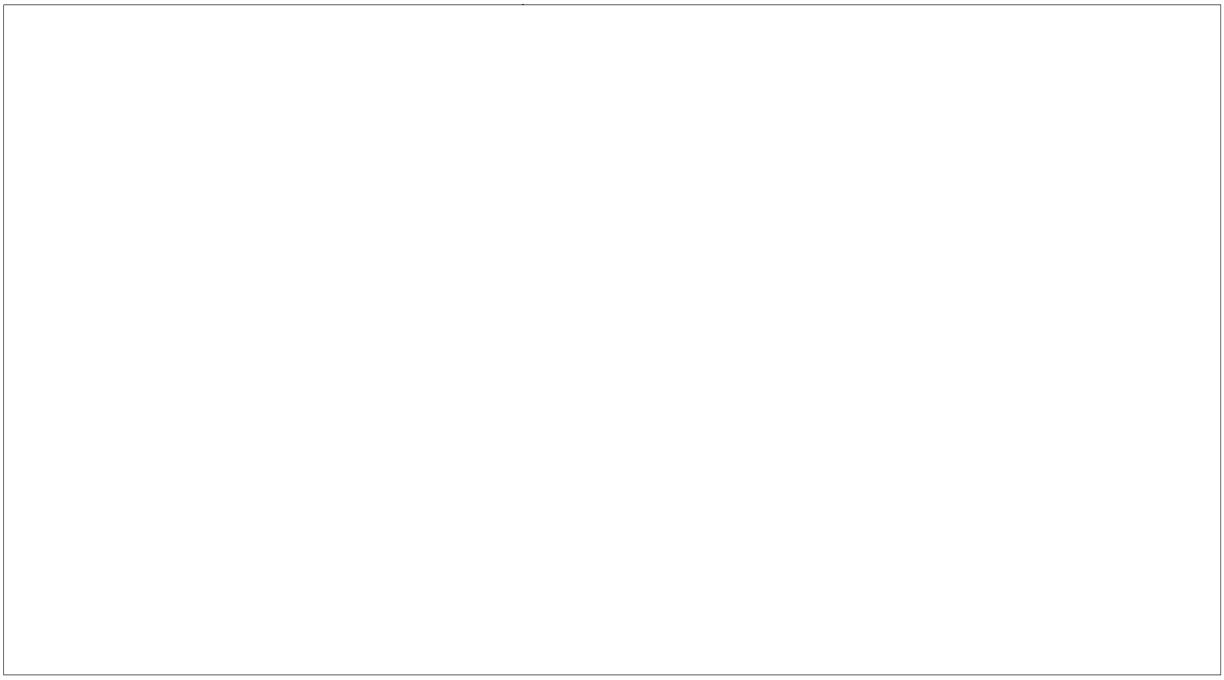
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 28, 2019

Case No. F-2017-14066

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated December 20, 2018, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed over 300 potentially responsive pages, and retrieved 22 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that the responsive information in 11 documents may be released in full, and the responsive information in 11 documents may be released in part.

All non-exempt, responsive material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Damon Taaffe at Damon.Taaffe@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2017-14066, and the civil action number, 18-cv-01321, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
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Subject: CLEAR BY 3PM: SNKP with Russian DFM Morgulov

All,
Please clear the attached BCL by 3pm today. Joe Yun is meeting with Morgulov tomorrow.
Thanks,

Kelly McKellogg Swaine
EAP/K
7-7718

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S/NKP Meeting with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Morgulov
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Subject: H20170706QFR101 SACFO: Leahy-Tillerson

Colleagues,

Attached are Questions for the Record from Senator Patrick Leahy for Secretary of State Rex Tillerson following the June 13, 2017 Senate Committee on Appropriations, Foreign Operations (SACFO) Hearing, "Review of the FY 2018 State Department Budget Request."

Senator Leahy submitted 96 questions, after review, I tried to organize the questions by bureau and topic. But please review the attached QFRs from Leahy carefully as some of them are tasked for a single bureau to draft with no other bureau clearance, draft with

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clearance from one or more bureau and/or other federal agencies (DOD/Treasury), and some bureaus on this tasking e-mail only to clear.

Please provide responses to the Questions!

Please follow the attached Sample Format

The deadline for responding is July 13 2017, 5:00 p.m..

Please clear responses with P, S/P, D and a Congressional Advisor in H.

Please send cleared responses by E-mail to "QFR_Noms" distribution list

Requests to transfer action on Hearing QFRs/Takebacks:

Requests to transfer action on hearing QFRs or Take-backs should be made directly between the respective bureaus. Once action is accepted, we will note the transfer in our files. Please include qfr_noms@state.gov on the email accepting the transfer.

Thank you,

Tony M. Kennedy
Correspondence Officer
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Senator Patrick Leahy
Questions for Secretary of State Tillerson
June 13, 2017

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Would you support the following legislation, and if not why not?
"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regulation, or policy, travel to and transactions incident to such travel in Cuba by American citizens and legal residents shall not be subject to limitations that are more or less restrictive than for such travel to and transactions in Iran, Syria, Russia, North Korea, China, or Vietnam."

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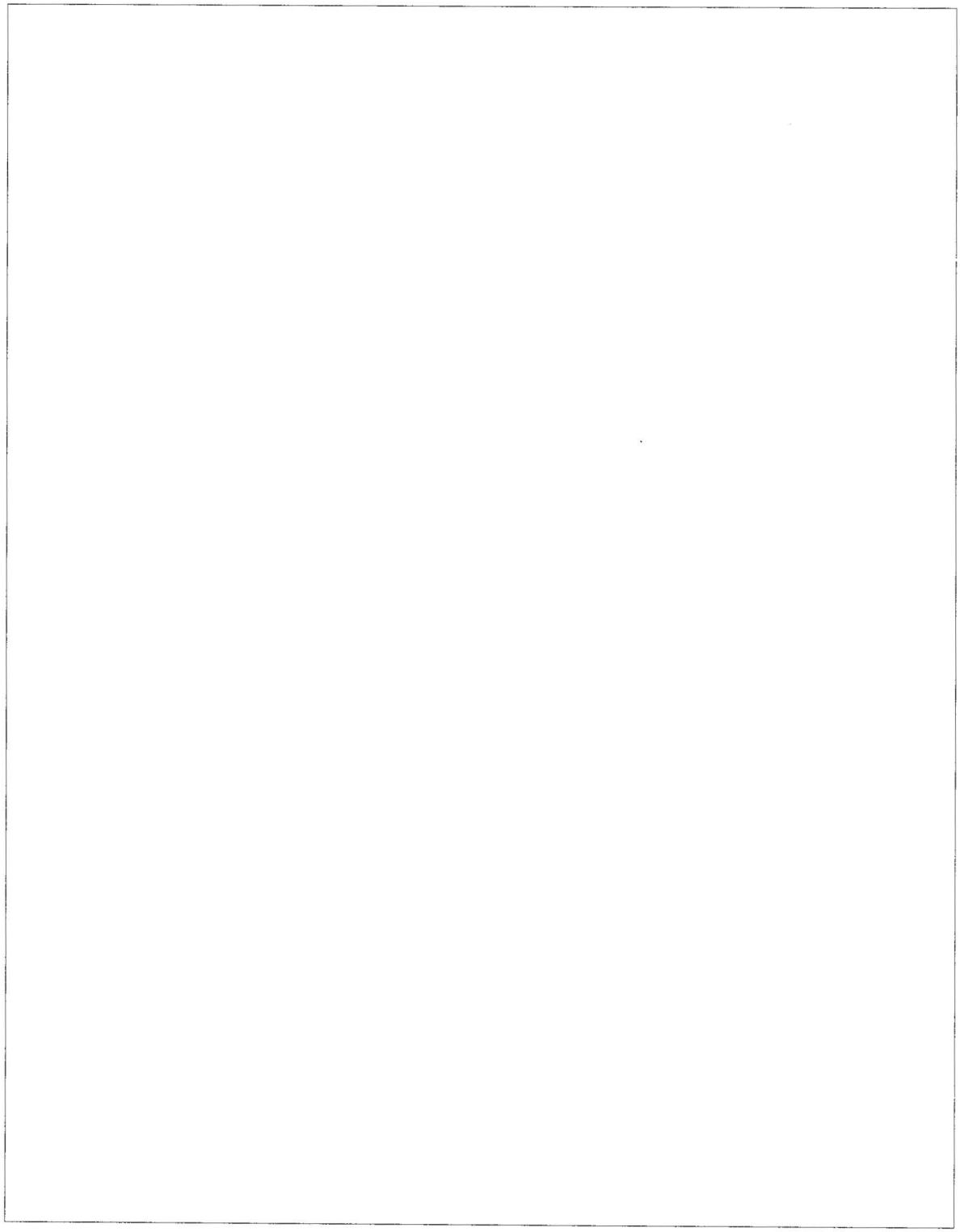
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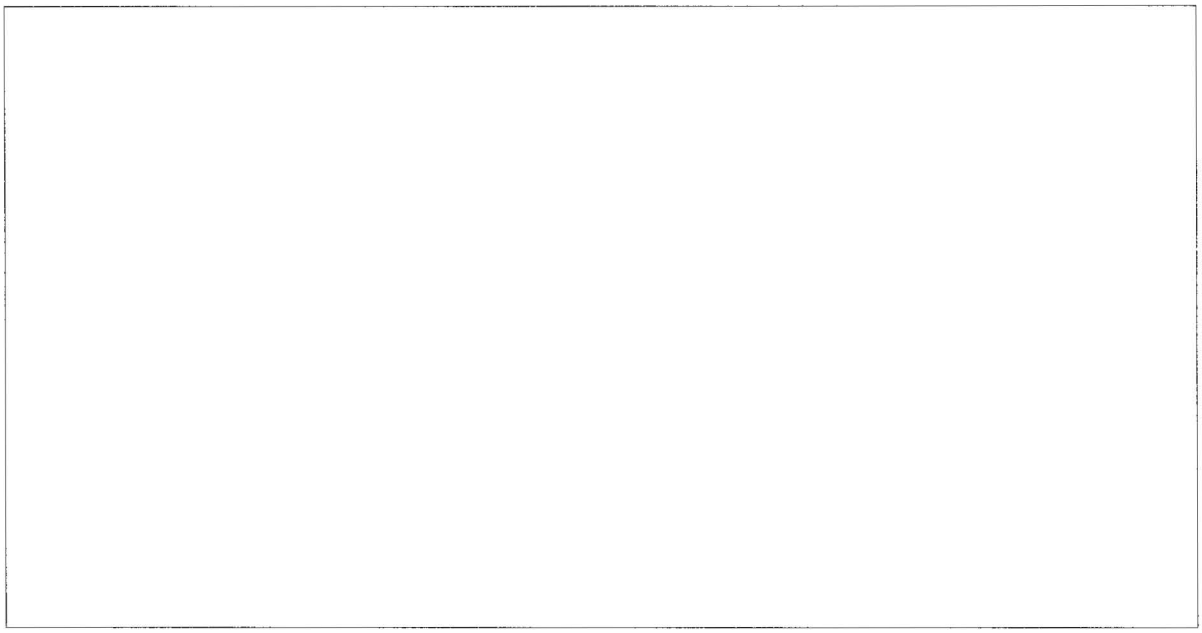
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Cc: IO-PG
Subject: Clearance: UNSC / DPRK
Attachments: PG 07-06-17 Emergency UNSC Meeting on DPRK.docx

Good afternoon colleagues,

For your clearance, please find press guidance on yesterday's UNSC emergency meeting on DPRK.

Just FYI, EAP has separate guidance up on trade issues related to DPRK.

Many thanks,

Cain Harrelson
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Background:

Associated Press: US warns North Korea that diplomatic window is closing

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Wednesday, July 05, 2017

https://apnews.com/8333a484a9c34b1cbea58f1f9a92e7b7/US-warns-North-Korea-that-diplomatic-window-is-closing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States warned Wednesday that North Korea was "quickly closing off" the prospect of a diplomatic resolution to its provocations, as the Trump administration launched a government-wide effort to identify options for confronting Pyongyang following its unprecedented intercontinental ballistic missile launch.

President Donald Trump and other senior officials dangled the prospect of punishing countries that trade with North Korea — a threat aimed directly at China, Pyongyang's biggest benefactor. In a tweet Wednesday morning, Trump questioned why the U.S. should continue what he sees as bad trade deals "with countries that do not help us."

North Korea's first launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) threatens to put U.S. President Donald Trump's skills as a diplomat to the test, as he starts his second international trip as president. (July 5)

Some administration officials are still holding out hope of persuading China to ratchet up economic pressure on Pyongyang, despite Trump's increasingly pessimistic attitude toward Beijing. Trump, who departed for Europe early Wednesday, is scheduled to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Germany.

Thus far, both China and North Korea have proven to be impervious to Trump's tough talk and threatening tweets. Pyongyang heightened tensions this week with the test of a missile capable of hitting the U.S., a step officials described as a worrisome escalation by an unpredictable regime and perhaps the most pressing threat facing a new U.S. president with little national security experience.

Following the launch, the White House, Treasury Department, State Department, Pentagon and intelligence agencies accelerated discussions on options for responding to Pyongyang's nuclear pursuits. The talks center in part on the same bucket of ideas prior administrations have considered, including direct diplomatic negotiations and pre-emptive military action.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting Wednesday to discuss the matter. Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, called Pyongyang's missile launch "a clear and sharp military escalation." She said that while the U.S. is not seeking a military confrontation, military options are indeed on the table.

"Their actions are quickly closing off the possibility of a diplomatic solution," she said.

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South Korea's president, meanwhile, said the world should look at tougher sanctions against North Korea and insisted the problems across his border should be addressed through diplomatic channels.

"I think that the North Korean question should be solved by peaceful means," said President Moon Jae-in, who will also meet Trump at the G-20 gathering.

The North Korean threat appears certain to hang over Trump's European trip, which opens in Poland. Trump is expected to use the trip to try to forge consensus with European Union partners, which could also put more financial pressure on North Korea.

As he flew to Warsaw on Air Force One on Wednesday, Trump also spoke by phone about North Korea with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, emphasizing the need for countries to implement Security Council resolutions. The White House said Trump also discussed the need for nations to "stop hosting North Korean guest workers" — an issue Secretary of State Rex Tillerson also mentioned in his response a night earlier to the missile launch.

Restricting guest workers is one way the U.S. and other countries could try to reduce North Korea's access to foreign currency. Some 50,000 to 60,000 North Koreans work abroad, mostly in Russia and China, South Korea's spy service has said, including at about 130 restaurants North Korea operates overseas. The workers' mission involves earning money to bring into North Korea.

North Korea conducts about 90 percent of its trade through China, giving Beijing enormous sway over the reclusive government. Despite forging a friendly relationship with Xi, Trump has become increasingly dismayed at China's reluctance to take tougher action against North Korea. He asserted Wednesday that "trade between China and North Korea grew almost 40% in the first quarter."

In April, Chinese customs data said total two-way trade between China and North Korea increased 36.8 percent in the first quarter of this year compared with the same period a year earlier. However, raw data from the first quarter showed that total two-way trade increased by only 7.4 percent. It was unclear why the customs agency reported a higher rate.

Anthony Ruggiero, a North Korea expert at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, said the U.S. could try to prod Beijing to take a tougher line on North Korea by exploiting Chinese banks and other companies' desire for access to the U.S. dollar.

"The administration can give them a choice: Do business with North Korea or have access to the U.S. financial system," Ruggiero said.

The Trump administration signaled its willingness to take that approach last week when it announced it was blacklisting a small Chinese bank over dealings with North Korea.

China has long resisted intensifying economic pressure on neighboring North Korea, in part out of fear of the instability that could mount on its doorstep, including the possibility of millions of North Koreans fleeing into China. China has also been concerned that a reunited, democratic Korea — dominated by South Korea — would put a U.S. ally, and possibly U.S. forces, on its border.

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Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: Post-ICBM thoughts

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Hi Brian:

Should you have access to your high side, I sent you some brief thoughts on DPRK next steps after the ICBM launch. I trust you are enjoying Hamburg. Very best,

Dan

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Colleagues,

Please find attached and pasted the PG for yesterday's meeting with Morgulov. Amb. Yun and EUR/RUS have already cleared. Please send your edits and **clearance by 9:50**. Thank you

EAP Press Guidance
July 7, 2017

DPRK/Russia: DFM Morgulov Meeting

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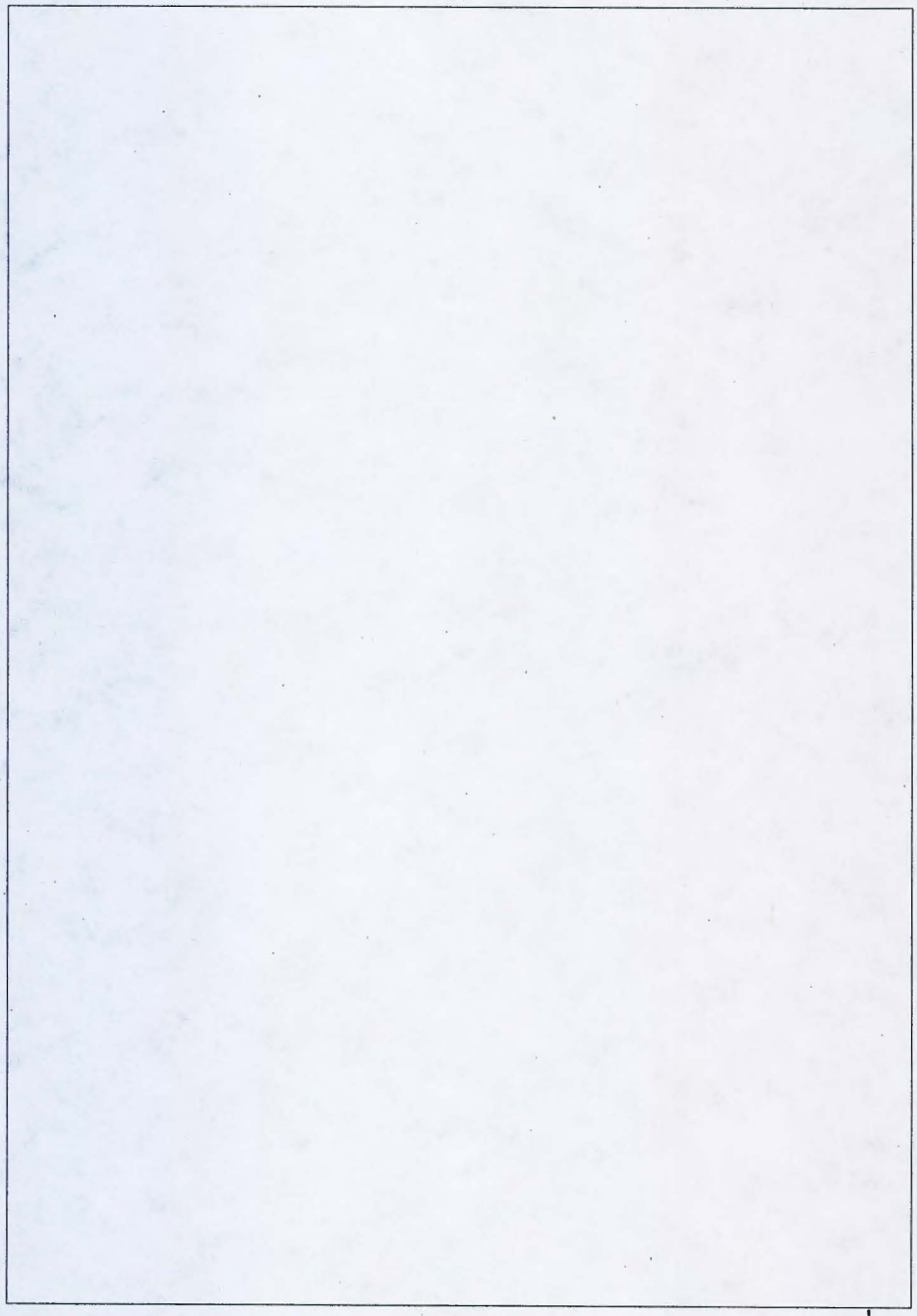
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Cc: Gaede, Gregory R
Subject: Clearance Requested: Graham QFR 81
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Hi all,

Please see attached for your clearance a response to a QFR from Senator Graham following the Secretary's budget hearing with SACFO.

Your clearance is requested no later than COB Tuesday, July 11.

Best,
Hilary

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Questions for the Record Submitted to
Secretary of State Rex Tillerson
by Senator Lindsey Graham (#81)
Senate Committee on Appropriations,
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June 13, 2017

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Question:

Will such a retreat result in the loss of leadership and leverage in implementing reforms?

Answer:

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To: Peterson, Chad S
Cc: SP_Staff Assistants
Subject: FW: FLASH!!! H20170710LRM002: H Tasking due 1pm TODAY: Draft North Korea Sanctions bill (Van Hollen/Toomey)
Attachments: 2017-07-07 Van Hollen Toomey North Korea Sanctions.doc

Hey Chad,

For your clearance.

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Many of you received the attached draft Van Hollen/Toomey legislation on DPRK sanctions over the weekend. We understand that this could be introduced in the Senate this week. If you have not already reviewed it and provided comments to State-LRM and Carol Schwab, **please do so no later than 1pm today.** H has also already contacted bureau representatives for a 3 pm State-only conference call to discuss our views.

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From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 6:18 PM
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Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
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Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)

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Subject: Tweet by Donald J. Trump on Twitter

Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)

7/3/17, 10:19 PM
North Korea has just launched another missile. Does this guy have anything better to do with his life? Hard t believe that South Korea.....

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Russia and China joined diplomatic forces on Tuesday and called on North Korea, South Korea and the United States to sign up to a Chinese de-escalation plan designed to defuse tensions around Pyongyang's missile program.

The plan would see North Korea suspend its ballistic missile program and the United States and South Korea simultaneously call a moratorium on large-scale missile exercises, both moves aimed at paving the way for multilateral talks.

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The initiative was set out in a joint statement from the Russian and Chinese foreign ministries issued shortly after President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping held wide-ranging talks in the Kremlin.

"The situation in the region affects the national interests of both countries," the joint statement said. "Russia and China will work in close coordination to advance a solution to the complex problem of the Korean Peninsula in every possible way."

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North Korea said on Tuesday it had successfully test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) for the first time, which flew a trajectory that experts said could allow a weapon to hit the U.S. state of Alaska.

Russia and China both share a land border with North Korea and have been involved in past efforts to try to calm tensions between Pyongyang and the West.

Moscow and Beijing used the same joint declaration to call on Washington to immediately halt deployment of its THAAD anti-missile system in South Korea, a move Washington says is necessitated by the North Korean missile threat.

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The statement said Washington was using North Korea as a pretext to expand its military infrastructure in Asia and risked upsetting the strategic balance of power in the area.

"The deployment ... of THAAD will cause serious harm to the strategic security interests of regional states, including Russia and China," the statement said.

"Russia and China oppose the deployment of such systems and call on the relevant countries to immediately halt and cancel the process of deployment."

(Reporting by Denis Dyomkin/Vladimir Soldatkin/Dmitry Solovyov; Editing by Andrew Osborn)

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Subject: CNN reports on 7/4 WH meeting on DPRK

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US officials meet to discuss response to North Korea missile launch
By Barbara Starr, CNN Pentagon Correspondent
Updated 11:10 AM ET, Tue July 4, 2017

Trump pushes China to confront North Korea 02:09

(CNN)Trump administration national security, military and diplomatic officials are holding an unexpected July 4 meeting to discuss what options might be needed if it is determined by the US that North Korea conducted an intercontinental ballistic missile test, several administration officials tell CNN.

US military technical experts are now reviewing all data and intelligence gathered by US satellites, aircraft and other systems to determine if North Korea's claim that it fired an intercontinental missile is true. "The claim is being taken seriously," one senior Administration official said.

Top officials at the State Department and the Defense Department are participating in the meeting. If it is determined that an ICBM was launched, the goal is for President Donald Trump to potentially approve a "measured response," one official told CNN. Nothing has been decided, but that response could include sending additional US military assets such as troops, aircraft and ships to increase the US presence in the region. Diplomatic options are also being considered including more sanctions.

If it is determined that an ICBM has been fired, the Pentagon will publicly communicate that all missile defense measures aboard Navy ships in the western Pacific and land-based missiles in Alaska are fully ready, as are missile defense systems in South Korea and Japan. The aim is to send a message to Asian allies and the world that the US stands ready to defend against North Korean aggression.

At this stage the US believes that whatever capability the North Koreans have demonstrated it does not necessarily mean they can immediately launch a working missile that can reach as far as western Alaska. And it's also not clear that the regime has a functioning miniaturized nuclear warhead.

However US military commanders have long said they plan against a worst case scenario. Admiral Harry Harris, head of the US Pacific Command recently said, "I know there's some debate about the miniaturization advancements made by Pyongyang. But PACOM must be prepared to fight tonight, so I take him at his word. I must assume his claims are true -- I know his aspirations certainly are."

Defense Secretary James Mattis also recently underscored US military policy when asked by South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsay Graham, "Is it the policy of the Trump administration to deny North Korea the capability of building an ICBM that can hit the American homeland with a nuclear weapon on top?"

Mattis answered simply "Yes, it is, Sen. Graham."

As CNN has previously reported, US military commanders have updated options for Trump specifically in anticipation of a North Korean ICBM or underground nuclear test.

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To: Operations Center
Subject: PRC Foreign Minister statement

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Just FYI, I've printed this here. Tad

Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang's Regular Press Conference on July 4, 2017

Q: It is reported the DPRK launched an intercontinental ballistic missile this morning. What are the comments of the Chinese side?

A: We have taken note of relevant reports. We are trying to get more information on the launch and are closely following the developments of the situation.

We have stated China's position on the relevant issue many times. Relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council have explicit stipulations on launches conducted by the DPRK using ballistic missile technology. The Chinese side opposes launches by the DPRK in violation of relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council. The Chinese side urges the DPRK not to violate relevant Security Council resolutions any more and create necessary conditions for the resumption of dialogue and negotiation.

I would like to reiterate that the situation on the Korean Peninsula remains highly sensitive and complex. We hope all relevant parties can stay calm and exercise restraint, ease tensions on the Korean Peninsula as soon as possible and bring the Korean Peninsula issue back to the right track of peaceful talks at an early date.

Q: Following the DPRK's missile launch, US President Donald Trump tweeted that Perhaps China will "put a heavy move" on the DPRK and end this nonsense once and for all. What's your response to his remarks? Do you think President Trump is pressuring Beijing? Will China consider taking a "heavy move" against the DPRK as President Trump said?

A: As I said just now, we oppose any action in violation of the Security Council's resolutions.

I won't repeat China's stance on the Korean Peninsula issue as it is clear enough. I shall stress once again that in a bid to solve the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue, China's contributions are there for all to see and its role is indispensable. China has been making and will continue to make efforts in this regard, and we hope other parties will do the same. We hope that various parties can work for the shared goal and jointly bring the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue back to the right track of peaceful settlement through dialogue and negotiation at an early date.

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Q: China has assumed the rotating presidency of the UN Security Council for July. Can you brief us on China's work plan during its tenure?

A: China has taken over the rotating Security Council presidency for this month. On July 3, China's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Liu Jieyi, chaired a consultation at the Security Council, during which the work plan for this month was approved through discussion. Chinese and foreign media were informed of relevant work arrangements after the consultation.

The Security Council will hold around 30 meetings in July to review Middle East issues including Syria, Yemen, Iraq and Lebanon, African issues including South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, the work of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS), Latin American issues including Columbia and Haiti, and the Cyprus issue. Resolutions are expected to be adopted to extend the mandate of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq and deploy a second UN Mission in Colombia.

The Security Council will hold two open debates in July. One is on capacity building in Africa to maintain peace and security, with a view to offering support to Africa's capacity building for peace and security. The other is on the Middle East issue. With the Israel-Palestine issue in focus, it will try to form synergy among parties and create enabling conditions for the return of Palestine and Israel to the track of negotiation and an early materialization of the two-state solution.

As a permanent member of the Security Council, China has always committed itself to helping the Security Council maintain solidarity and coordination, take vigorous actions and play a key role in stopping war and upholding peace in the spirit of the UN Charter. We will earnestly perform our duty as President of the Security Council, stay in close communication and coordination with other members of the Security Council, and make its work more practical and efficient. At the same time, we will reinforce our interactions with non-member countries, countries directly concerned and the UN general assembly, solicit opinions and advice widely and fulfill the responsibility of the Security Council President in a more open and transparent manner.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Nanavatty, Katharine B; Cartin, Joshua M; EAP-Press; EAP-J-Office-DL; EAP-CM-Office-DL; ISN-RA-East Asia Team-DL; AVC-MNA-DL; ISN-Defensive-Measures-DL; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Almquist, Peter B; de Guzman, Janina M; Kim, Y. Kevin; Kim, Clara M; EUR-RUS-POL-DL; Lee, David; Bennett-Ingold, Dawn R; Biers, Dan L; Gile, Robertson S; Regional Bureau Deputy Executive Directors (DREDS); Wong, Derek; Pommerer, Christopher J; EAP-MTS-INDONESIA-DL; EAP-MTS-SINGAPORE-DL; EAP-MLS-Office-DL; Hilleary, Thomas C (Tom); Caruso, Andrew N; Hardiman, Matthew X; NEA-ARP-DL; NEA-Egypt; Srimal, Riju; Legal-DPRK-DL; Polyak, Michael J; SCA-Pakistan-Desk Only; SCA-NSB-only; Turner, Julie E (DRL); Ouimet, Matthew J
Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: ALLDP for Wednesday AM Clearance on the High Side

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Colleagues,

Heads up that there is a draft ALLDP for your clearance on the high side regarding the DPRK's missile test. No need to come in on the holiday, but please send us your clearance or edits by 11am tomorrow.

Happy 4th of July,

James Applegate
DPRK Unit Chief
EAP/K

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S
Subject: Allison Hooker Contact Info

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As requested. I haven't had much luck reaching her today.

Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC [redacted] B6
Mobile [redacted]
Desk [redacted] B6

James Applegate
DPRK Unit Chief
EAP/K

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 27, 2019

Case No. F-2017-14066

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated January 28, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed over 300 potentially responsive pages, and retrieved 50 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that the responsive information in 9 documents may be released in full, and the responsive information in 41 documents may be released in part.

All non-exempt, responsive material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Christopher Hair at Christopher.Hair@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2017-14066, and the civil action number, 18-cv-01321, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE
JUNE 26, 2017, 1:50 pm, 10-15 MINUTES

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CONTEXT

This visit to the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) will underscore your commitment to training that ensures the Department of State remains an effective diplomatic force to protect and promote American interests around the world. This will be an opportunity to engage over 700 members of your workforce, including foreign affairs professionals preparing to serve overseas, and instructional professionals who are often the first to help the Department's 70,000 employees and the broader USG foreign affairs community build essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes. Your audience will be interested in hearing about your management priorities and the Secretary's foreign policy priorities.

SCENARIO

- You will be speaking on a stage from a podium.
- You will be introduced and welcomed to the stage by Acting FSI Director Marc Ostfield.
- The event will be closed to the press. FSI's photographer will take photos and FSI's videographer will record for BNET.

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DEPUTY SECRETARY JOHN SULLIVAN
REMARKS TO FSI STUDENTS
JUNE 26, 2017

Thank you, Marc, for the introduction and for inviting me here today.

I am excited to be visiting the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center campus for the first time. I know some of you may be a little restless and eager to get out in the field after spending hours in the classroom, but I hope you all take a moment to reflect on the opportunity to study at FSI -- the premier foreign affairs training institution in the world.

Over FSI's 70-year history, several Department leaders have advanced the role training plays in developing an effective workforce. Thanks to former Secretary of State Shultz - for whom this campus is named - the federal foreign affairs community has an intellectual home base that supports the continuous learning and improvement we need, so that we can best serve our country. Even now, at the age of 96, Secretary Shultz continues to champion FSI, and recently sent a note encouraging all who enter this training center to "develop their capabilities and exercise them with wisdom and energy."

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And thanks to Secretary of State Colin Powell's focus on leadership training, the Department of State has a stronger emphasis on sound leadership and management for all Foreign and Civil Service Officers. This legacy lives on today, with every Foreign Service Officer receiving training to become a more effective and accountable leader.

To the members of FSI's staff and training team, I thank you for your dedication and your service. You are doing your part to shape and nurture the finest group of diplomats in the world.

I don't want you all to get big egos, but I hope you understand what a privilege it is for us to serve the American people in the execution of our foreign policy. As you know, the State Department was the first Cabinet office, and its role has figured prominently in American history.

From the first days of the Republic, the Department has built the security and the prosperity of the nation—from John Quincy Adams outlining the Monroe Doctrine, to William Seward ensuring that the European powers stayed out of our Civil War, to George Marshall and the reconstruction of Europe after World War II, to Secretary Shultz and the arms negotiations of the 1980s, to James Baker's masterful

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diplomacy to help ensure a peaceful end to the Cold War. You are the heirs to this legacy.

I want to offer a few words of encouragement to our Foreign Service Officers and Specialists. Earning a commission is a rigorous process and the bar is high. There are many qualified people who don't get in. But your colleagues in the Foreign Service who hired you saw something in each of you that indicated your fitness to be diplomatic leaders who represent U.S. interests abroad.

Whether you will be negotiating a treaty, persuading a skeptical foreign audience, adjudicating a visa application, building relationships with members of civil society or human rights advocates, or serving in communications or information technology at one of our overseas missions, you are wearing America's jersey on the field of world politics. And we've got your back. Thank you for your service.

My uncle was an FSO. He served as our last Ambassador to Iran. I know the kind of sacrifices Foreign Service families make, and what it takes to represent our country in challenging environments. My appreciation and admiration is high for Foreign Service Officers and Civil Service

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employees who venture into dangerous areas and accept hardship postings on our behalf of our country.

The contributions our Civil Service and Washington-based teams make to foreign policy are also critical. Our civil servants are subject matter experts who have spent years acquiring highly specialized knowledge that informs what we do every day – from agriculture in Chile to nuclear non-proliferation in South Asia to the political climate in Bulgaria, and everything in between. Their institutional knowledge is critical to our foreign policy decision-making process at the highest levels.

We also cannot forget our locally-employed colleagues, appointees, and contractors. We all work together to get the job done. The fact is, we rise or fall together and all of us have a vital role to play in representing, promoting, and defending the United States and American citizens around the world.

Secretary Tillerson has said that protecting members of our State Department family is his highest priority. As your Deputy Secretary, I share the Secretary's view that our people are our most cherished

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resource, and I will do everything I can to make sure you and your families are completely safe.

And I know whether it is adapting to a difficult security, health, or commercial environment, FSI will do an outstanding job preparing those of you heading into the field.

I would also like to take some time today to discuss the foreign policy process as I see it.

First, in accomplishing our foreign policy goals, we are guided together by the core values of accountability, honesty, integrity, and respect. These values will mark our approach to alliances, multilateral partnerships, and diplomacy, in addition to our personal conduct.

Working at the State Department is also defined by a responsibility for our decisions – those we make on a daily basis in the execution of our duties. I know the Secretary encourages individuals to aspire to excellence in their conduct and performance, and I share that emphasis on accountability in our personal and professional lives.

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On the issues, I don't have to tell you that we as a nation face myriad threats and challenges that undermine stability, security, and prosperity for us and our allies – including our European friends and other partners.

Every day I wake up excited to do this job. And I'm struck by the breadth and depth of our work -- I feel like I traveled around the world last week alone.

Last week I had the honor to represent the United States as one of 35 member states of the Organization of American States. We stood with 22 other countries – representing 93 percent of the people in the Western Hemisphere – to hold the Venezuelan government accountable to its people and its own democratic process. As part of this diplomatic effort, we engaged with partners ranging from Argentina to the Bahamas. And I got to see up front the outstanding support an American mission provides us at these venues, thanks to Mission Mexico and Ambassador Jacobson's team.

On Thursday, I flew to the small, tight-knit town of Wyoming, Ohio. There - together with colleagues from the State Department and the White House - we paid respects at the memorial service for Otto

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Warmbier, the American student who passed away on June 19, just six days after his release from North Korea.

In Otto's former high-school gymnasium, packed with hundreds if not thousands of Otto's family, friends, teachers, and broader community, the family's Rabbi led a moving ceremony to honor his life.
The Rabbi opened the ceremony with a note of thanks for the State Department's efforts to bring Otto home, including Special Representative Yun who flew to Pyongyang to secure his release.

To you seasoned professionals, this is another week in the continuum of American diplomacy. I want you to know that I am proud to serve alongside you as we advance our nation's interests.

CLOSING

Now I know you all are chomping at the bit to get to your new assignments abroad or here at home. And you should be, because that's what you signed up for.

But I hope you hold on to the lessons you have learned at FSI.

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And I hope you will continue to take advantage of the invaluable training provided by the Foreign Service Institute through the courses offered on campus, at regional training centers overseas, and via distance learning.

Every employee of the State Department has a responsibility to sharpen their talent with new, productive skill sets that will help us advance our mission.

We all need to be prepared to adapt to the changes that arise in a world that is moving faster than ever.

As your Deputy Secretary, I am confident that you are well-prepared to meet the challenges of today, and through your training here, will be equally equipped to do so tomorrow.

Thank you.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Davis, Carlisle R (Charlie)
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:19 AM
Cc: juliet.lee@ B6
Subject: Re: NCAFP Report: U.S.-China-ROK Trilateral Conference

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Dear Juliet,

Thank you for this. I have enjoyed reading these, but I will be off of the state department's email for a year starting this week. Can you please take me off your list, and I will re-join next year. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2017, at 10:55 AM, Donald Zagoria < > wrote: B6

> Dear Friends and Colleagues,
>
> The NCAFP recently held a Track 1.5 U.S.-China-Republic of Korea trilateral conference in New York where we engaged in an intense discussion of the North Korea issue.
>
> The conference report is attached here and I hope you find it of interest.
>
> Best regards,
>
> Don Z.

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<NCAFP 2017 US-China-ROK Session Report.pdf>

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Wilezol, David C
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: RE:

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I guess that was a misunderstanding. I'll email him now and give the message.

-----Original Message-----
From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Wilezol, David C <WilezolDC@state.gov>
Subject:

I thought we had worked out David Feith would take the pen on the DPRK speech. He said you had the pen. He sent me a speech outline but I was expecting a speech. I'd like to give him the pen for the entire first draft and then we can hand it over to you for the usual processes.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Wilezol, David C
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:43 AM
To: David Feith
Cc: Hook, Brian H
Subject: DPRK Speech
Attachments: North Korea Strategy Keynote.docx

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David – I must have had a misunderstanding with Brian Hook, who wants you to take the lead on the DPRK speech. Attaching here a wordy sketch of where I have been going with it. Go ahead and use or reject whatever you like. Just pass back to me once you get a draft you are happy with. Thanks very much and sorry to spring this on you.

David Wilezol
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Mobile [redacted]

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From: Wilezol, David C
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:11 PM
To: David Feith
Cc: Hook, Brian H
Subject: RE: DPRK Speech

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Cool, looking forward to your draft

From: David Feith [mailto:] B6
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Wilezol, David C <WilezolDC@state.gov>
Cc: Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov>
Subject: Re: DPRK Speech

David, thanks, and certainly no problem. When we met I thought the misunderstanding was mine, but either way it was helpful to compare notes. I'm keen to read what you've sent and work this with you going forward.

All best,
David

On Mon, Jun 26, 2017 at 11:43 AM Wilezol, David C <WilezolDC@state.gov> wrote:

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to me once you get a draft you are happy with. Thanks very much and sorry to spring this on you.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Loyet, Cynthia J
Subject: RE: U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilat

Thanks

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From: Loyet, Cynthia J
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 6:14 PM
To: D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>
Subject: FW: U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilat

From: Davis, Carlisle R (Charlie)
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Nanavatty, Katharine B <NanavattyKB@state.gov>; Loyet, Cynthia J <LoyetCJ@state.gov>
Subject: FW: U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilat

Cindy - this still needs to be scheduled. – D with Susan Thornton and Brian Hook. Kate has the original memo.

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 8:21 AM
To: Davis, Carlisle R (Charlie) <DavisCR3@state.gov>
Cc: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: Re: U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilat

Yes indeed.

On Jun 6, 2017, at 8:17 AM, Davis, Carlisle R (Charlie) <DavisCR3@state.gov> wrote:

I'll pull s'thing together. You're here the rest of the week?

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 7:37 AM
To: Davis, Carlisle R (Charlie) <DavisCR3@state.gov>
Cc: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: Re: U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilat

What do you propose sounds like a good way forward. Happy to meet any time.

On Jun 6, 2017, at 7:34 AM, Davis, Carlisle R (Charlie) <DavisCR3@state.gov> wrote:

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If you don't know how S sees them, perhaps D should raise. Would be great to have you and D on the same page. Would it be useful for the two of you to chat on this, ideally with Susan? Thanks, Charlie

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 7:30 AM
To: Davis, Carlisle R (Charlie) <DavisCR3@state.gov>
Cc: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: Re: U.S.-Japan-ROK Trilat

It sounds good to me but I have no idea what S wants to do. Would you like me to ask or does D want to raise with S. Whatever he prefers.

On Jun 5, 2017, at 8:31 AM, Davis, Carlisle R (Charlie) <DavisCR3@state.gov> wrote:

Dear Brian –

EAP sent up an IM to D on the trilateral process that has been a quarterly coordination mechanism between D and his Vice Foreign Minister counterparts.

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Please let me know. Thanks!

Charlie Davis
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hammond, Robert C
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Ciccone, Christine M
Subject: Re: Where Trump Zigs, Tillerson Zags, Putting Him at Odds With White House

The paintings in his actual office.

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On Jun 27, 2017, at 8:44 AM, Ciccone, Christine M <CicconeCM@state.gov> wrote:

When did we change the paintings?

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From: Hammond, Robert C
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 7:22 PM
To: Peterlin, Margaret JA <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>; Williams, Meredith B <WilliamsMB@state.gov>; Mowers, Matthew D <MowersMD@state.gov>; Waters, Mary K <WatersMK@state.gov>; Ciccone, Christine M <CicconeCM@state.gov>; Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov>; Sullivan, John J <SullivanJJ2@state.gov>
Subject: Where Trump Zigs, Tillerson Zags, Putting Him at Odds With White House

Where Trump Zigs, Tillerson Zags, Putting Him at Odds With White House

June 25, 2017

By DAVID E. SANGER, GARDINER HARRIS and MARK LANDLER

WASHINGTON — When Rex W. Tillerson, the former chief executive of Exxon Mobil, arrived in Washington five months ago to become the secretary of state, his boosters said he brought two valuable assets to a job that had usually gone to someone steeped in government and diplomacy: a long history managing a global company, and deep relationships from the Middle East to Russia that enabled him to close deals.

But his first opportunity to use that experience — as a behind-the-scenes mediator in the dispute between Qatarand Saudi Arabia — has put Mr. Tillerson in exactly the place a secretary of state does not want to be: in public disagreement with the president who appointed him.

Mr. Tillerson tried to position himself as an intermediary and sought for all sides to put their demands on the table. But President Trump openly sided with the Saudis, first on Twitter, then again at a news conference. Mr. Trump called Qatar a "funder of terrorism at a very high level" just as the State Department was questioning whether the Saudis were using the terrorism charge to cover for "long-simmering grievances" between the Arab states.

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Some in the White House say that the discord in the Qatar dispute is part of a broader struggle over who is in charge of Middle East policy — Mr. Tillerson or Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law and a senior adviser — and that the secretary of state has a tin ear about the political realities of the Trump administration. Others say it is merely symptomatic of a dysfunctional State Department that, under Mr. Tillerson's uncertain leadership, does not yet have in place the senior political appointees who make the wheels of diplomacy turn.

But criticism from Mr. Trump's aides is not Mr. Tillerson's only problem. In recent days, each of his top priorities has hit a wall. The secretary's effort to enlist China to force North Korea to give up its nuclear and ballistic missile programs has gone nowhere, as the president himself acknowledged last week. The Russians, angry about a congressional move to impose new sanctions, disinvited one of his top diplomats — leaving that crucial relationship at its lowest point since the Cold War.

And in Congress, where Mr. Tillerson once found members willing to give deference to his efforts to reorganize and shrink the State Department, there is now anger and defiance about the extent of those plans.

In a remarkable series of hearings this month, Senator Bob Corker, Republican of Tennessee and the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, declared Mr. Tillerson's proposals for a 30 percent cut in the department's budget a "waste of time" that he would not even review, and he expressed disbelief that the reorganization plan for the department would not be ready until the end of the year, at the earliest.

"It's not that he's a weak secretary of state or a strong one — he's in a different category," said Robert Kagan, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who is writing the second volume of his historyof American foreign policy. "I have a hard time thinking of one who has come in with little foreign policy experience and has less interest in surrounding himself with the people who know something about the regions and issues that he has to deal with."

In fact, Mr. Tillerson's determination to rationalize the State Department structure, which many applaud, and his refusal to appoint under secretaries and assistant secretaries until he has it all figured out have created policy gridlock. Three foreign ambassadors — one from Asia and two from Europe — said they had taken to contacting the National Security Council because the State Department does not return their calls or does not offer substantive answers when it does.

Mr. Tillerson, for example, recently shut down the office of the special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan — whose role had been diminished since Richard Holbrooke had the job during President Barack Obama's first term — and has yet to appoint an assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asian affairs, at a time when the Taliban's return and Pakistan's instability are major concerns.

When he attended a series of recent meetings on Afghanistan, Mr. Tillerson was accompanied by only his chief of staff, Margaret Peterlin, who is a former United States Patent and Trademark official and technology executive with no diplomatic experience.

There is also no one in line for the Asia policy job, just when there is talk about whether the North Korea crisis will be defused by negotiation or steam toward conflict.

Through it all, Mr. Tillerson, a Texas native and an engineer by training, has remained publicly stoic, proceeding at his own pace, though colleagues from his Exxon days say they have seen little evidence he is finding much joy in the job.

Running one of the world's largest oil and gas companies, Mr. Tillerson had complete authority. At the State Department, he finds himself negotiating with other power centers — from a White House with conflicting factions and priorities to the Defense Department — and managing a bureaucracy that largely cringes at the

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president's approach to the world. Some senior diplomats have resigned over the administration's policies, and many have signed letters of protest.

Accustomed as he is to having the final word, it was clearly jarring for Mr. Tillerson, during a recent trip to Australia and New Zealand, to be out of sync with Mr. Trump's tweets on the Qatar crisis. "I'm not involved in how the president constructs his tweets, when he tweets, why he tweets, what he tweets," the secretary said.

Foreign governments do not know whether to believe Mr. Tillerson's reassuring words or Mr. Trump's incendiary statements. But there is also evidence of more substantive disagreements between Mr. Tillerson and the small cadre of White House officials who have taken a strong interest in setting Middle East policy, starting with Mr. Kushner.

In dealing with the Saudi leadership, which Mr. Tillerson knows well, Mr. Kushner argued for cultivating Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the 31-year-old son of King Salman of Saudi Arabia, who was emerging as a rival to the crown prince at the time, Mohammed bin Nayef.

Mr. Tillerson warned against showing favoritism in the succession, and viewed the treatment of the young Prince Mohammed during a White House trip as too lavish. Mr. Kushner, it turned out, was betting on the right horse: The son displaced Mohammed bin Nayef last week as the crown prince, and will probably be the leader of Saudi Arabia for decades to come.

The rift widened when Mr. Kushner and Stephen K. Bannon, Mr. Trump's chief strategist, argued for backing Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other countries that had imposed an embargo on Qatar, ostensibly to punish it for financing the Muslim Brotherhood and other extremist groups. Mr. Tillerson, who had relationships in Qatar dating from his time as the chief executive of Exxon Mobil, argued for the United States to take a neutral position in the dispute to keep the Gulf Cooperation Council, a loose association of mostly Sunni Arab states, together.

But the secretary's efforts to play peacemaker were undercut by Mr. Trump's statement. When the administration pressed Saudi Arabia and Egypt to draw up a list of demands for Qatar, a senior official said, Mr. Tillerson asked Qatar to do the same. Officials at the White House were nonplused.

Mr. Tillerson does have his supporters, such as James Jay Carafano, a vice president of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "Frankly, the biggest criticisms really amount to he works for Trump and he doesn't act like Kerry or Clinton," he said. "He doesn't like pandering to the media, and he is perplexed by Trump's tweeting. That's pretty vapid stuff."

But usually by this point in their tenure, secretaries of state have made their focus clear. Hillary Clinton focused on the empowerment of women; John Kerryfocused on an Iran nuclear deal and a failed effort at Middle East peace; and Condoleezza Rice made the spread of American democracy the theme of her term. If Mr. Tillerson has a larger vision beyond shrinking and reorganizing the State Department, he has offered no hint.

His rough beginning has led to a quiet effort by senior Republican officials from past administrations — including Henry A. Kissinger; Ms. Rice; and Robert M. Gates, former defense secretary — to reach out with advice. He has been told to lean more on the experience of career professionals, to become more confident in taking initiatives separate from a White House preoccupied by investigations and, above all, to move more quickly.

The closest Mr. Tillerson has come to articulating a strategic vision for his tenure came during a session with department employees in early May. In a freewheeling talk, operating without notes, Mr. Tillerson ran through each region of the world where the State Department is active — from the Middle East to Europe and Asia,

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touching on China and North Korea, asking how to "advance our interests in Afghanistan," and how to keep terrorism from spreading through North and Central Africa.

"Let's talk first about my view of how you translate 'America First' into our foreign policy," he said, and then went on to describe an era in which American economic and security interests would be paramount.

To many in the department, Mr. Tillerson's speech was notable for what it did not include. Over the previous five presidencies, questions of how to use American influence to advance the rights of minorities around the world, to negotiate a new arms control deal or to set norms of behavior for nations that attack each other with cyberweapons had become the focus of American diplomacy. Not anymore.

And when Mr. Tillerson spoke of human rights, it was to caution that, while the United States always treasures "freedom, human dignity, the way people are treated," those values would often not be reflected in policies. Values, he warned, cannot be allowed to "create obstacles to our ability to advance our national security interests, our economic interests."

The issue became pointed during a congressional hearing this month when Mr. Tillerson conceded that, during dealings with Russia's leaders, he had never discussed the torture and murder of gay men in Chechnya. "Those are on our pending list," the secretary said.

When asked to specifically condemn such targeted attacks in Russia, he said, "That is our position globally." And when pressed further, he snapped, "Last time I checked, Russia is part of the globe."

To many State Department employees, Mr. Tillerson is something of a phantom, who says little in staff meetings, rarely leaves his seventh-floor office — where he is surrounded by Ms. Peterlin and a small group of protective aides — and does not solicit their views.

Since he became secretary, the torrent of words that once flowed from the State Department in daily briefings, speeches and statements — helping to refine and set policy in embassies around the world — has slowed to a trickle. Mr. Tillerson has rarely held "background" briefings with reporters to explain his views.

His reticence has become so well known that even the president gently ribbed him about it recently when the two were in Saudi Arabia, volunteering the secretary to conduct a briefing where no American reporters were present.

Mr. Tillerson's aides say his approach is as refreshing as the new décor in the State Department's seventh-floor offices, where the art and colors of the American West now hang, rather than paintings of long-dead diplomats.

"He thinks like a cowboy," Mr. Tillerson's strategic adviser, R. C. Hammond, said recently. Likening words to ammunition, Mr. Hammond added, "You carry a revolver with only six shots, and you don't waste your bullets."

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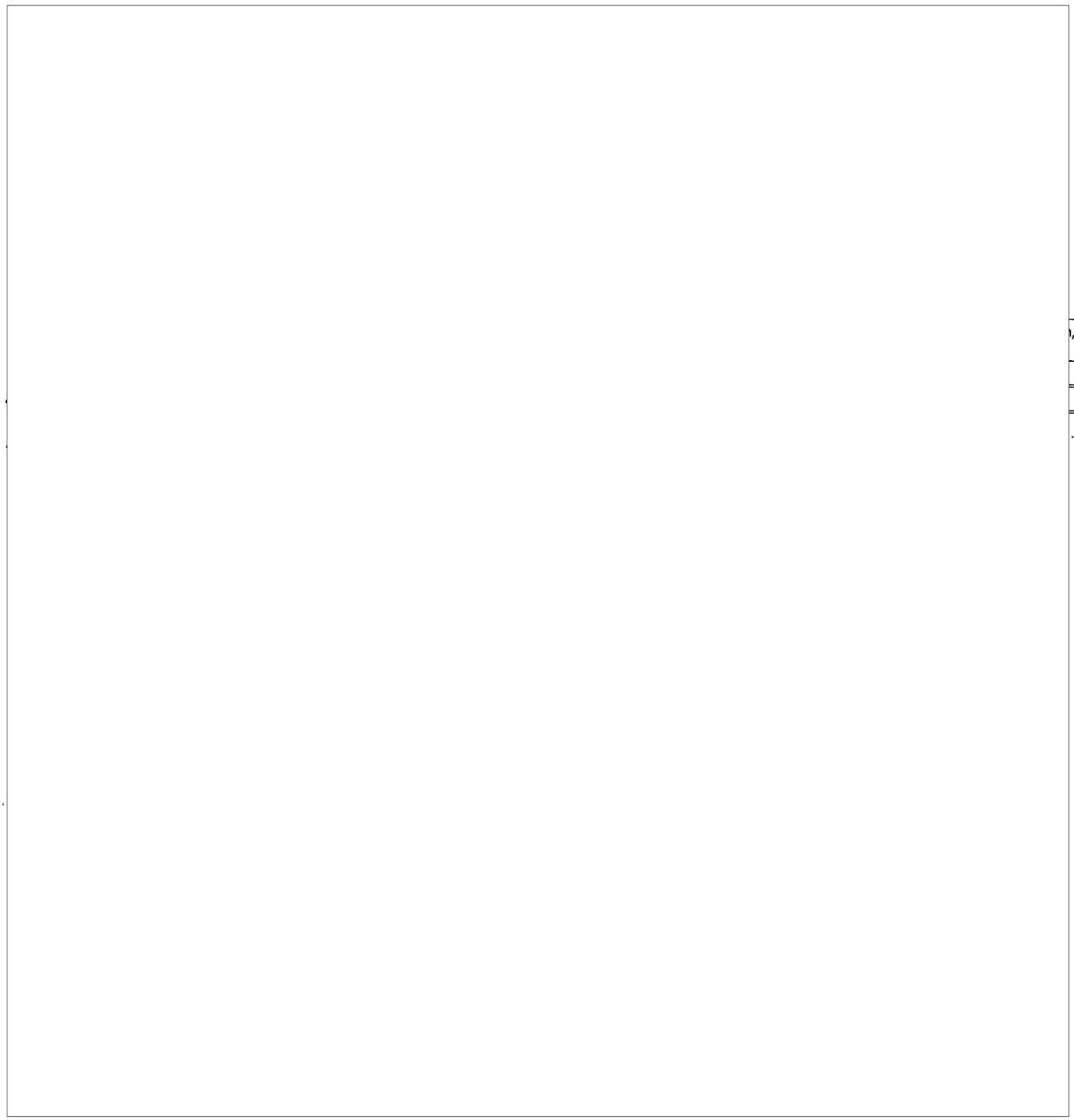
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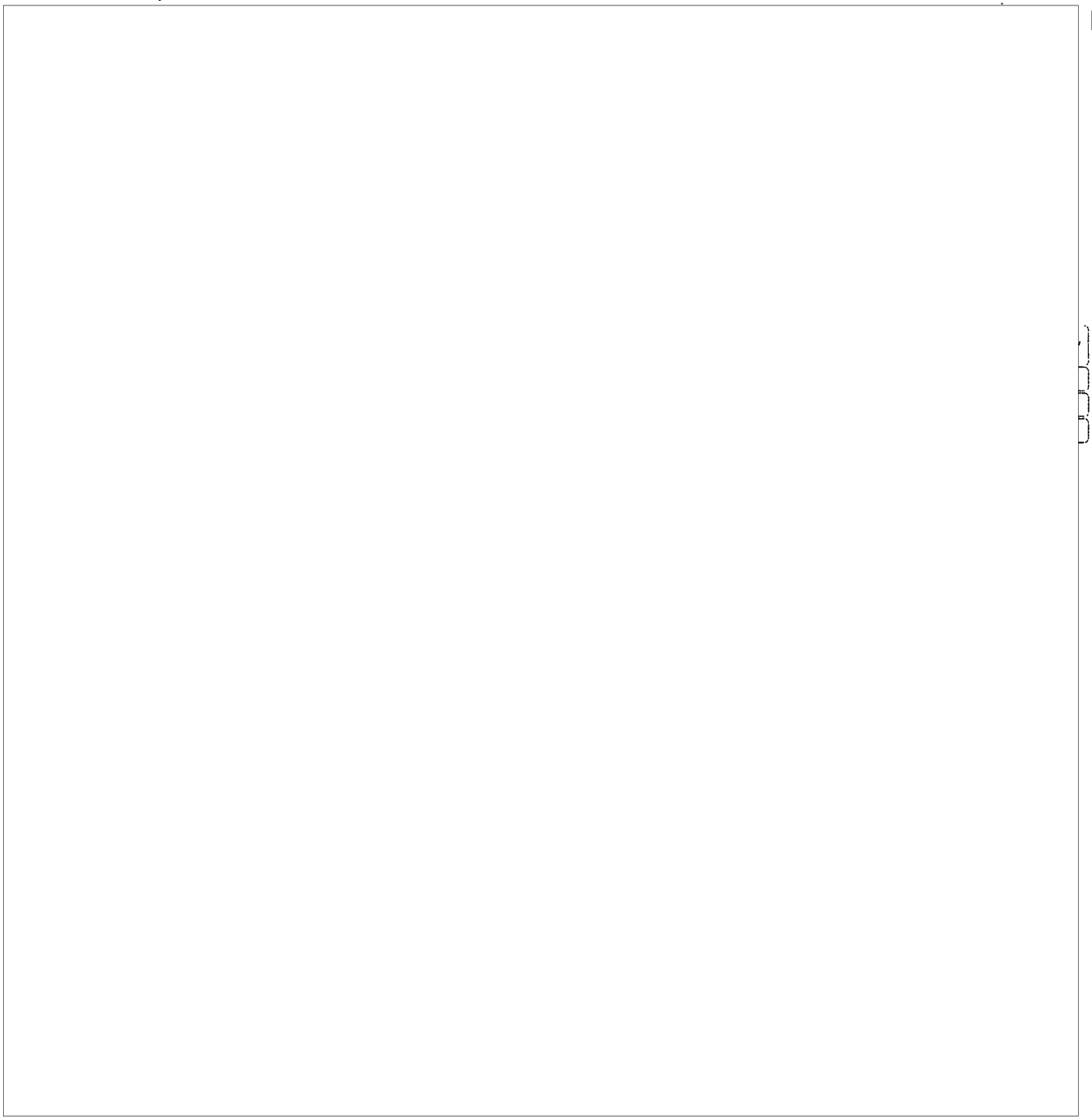
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From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:03 PM
To: Cavendish, Georgiana
Subject: RE: UPDATE: 2017.06.27 (D BCL - DHS) Briefing Checklist D with D (2).DOCX
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Subject: Fwd: UPDATE: 2017.06.27 (D BCL - DHS) Briefing Checklist D with D (2).DOCX

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> **From:** "Zareski, Karen B" <ZareskiKB@state.gov>
> **Date:** June 27, 2017 at 10:38:33 AM EDT
> **To:** "Cavendish, Georgiana" <CavendishG@state.gov>
> **Cc:** CT_StaffAssistants <CT_StaffAssistants@state.gov>
> **Subject: UPDATE: 2017.06.27 (D BCL - DHS) Briefing Checklist D with D (2).DOCX**
>
> Georgiana, PRM came in with a Watch Out For that I've added to the BCL if it's not too late.

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From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Hsieh, Audrey; Rebholz, Jason P; Nanavatty, Katharine B; Yun, Joseph Y
Cc: Lambert, Mark B; Betancourt, Annika R
Subject: RE: FINAL [redacted] June 16 - Points for the Deputy B5

Thanks again for the paper. [redacted] She said she would look into it. B5

Best,
Elizabeth

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From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 8:59 AM
To: Rebholz, Jason P <RebholzJP@state.gov>; Nanavatty, Katharine B <NanavattyKB@state.gov>; Yun, Joseph Y <YunJY@state.gov>; D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>
Cc: Lambert, Mark B <LambertMB@state.gov>; Betancourt, Annika R <BetancourtAR@state.gov>
Subject: RE: FINAL [redacted] June 16 - Points for the Deputy B5

+ Annika.

Thanks Jason.

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From: Rebholz, Jason P
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Nanavatty, Katharine B; Yun, Joseph Y; D EAP Duty Officer
Cc: Lambert, Mark B; Hsieh, Audrey
Subject: RE: FINAL [redacted] June 16 - Points for the Deputy B5

All – I've edited the talking points very slightly [redacted] B5
[redacted] The thrust of the talking points are the same.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information. I've reattached the background information, too, if that is of help.

Best,
Jason

Jason P. Rebholz
Deputy Director

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From: Rebholz, Jason P
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Nanavatty, Katharine B; Yun, Joseph Y
Cc: Lambert, Mark B; Hsieh, Audrey
Subject: FINAL: [redacted] June 16 - Points for the Deputy B5
Importance: High

Dear Kate – attached are talking points and background for the Deputy for his proposed conversation with DHS counterparts. These points have been cleared through legal and OFM. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
Jason

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From: Matthew McInnis [redacted] B6
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 1:00 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: RE:
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Brian,

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Apologies again you caught me the one hour I was away from my phone yesterday morning. I am still waiting for some comments from [redacted] Given the lateness, though, I did want to send you this version of the brief since we did not have a chance to meet or talk today. B5

[redacted] Slides 1-8 can now be taken as an executive version of the brief, if you like. I have not done much to the more detailed slides in the back.

[redacted] trying to ascertain more details on that.

I hope this is still useful for you. Please feel free to reach out on my cell phones during the day at [redacted] I will be at the CNAS Annual Conference at the Mayflower, of course, in the morning up until lunch time. I will be speaking on my panel from 11am to 12pm with Sens Kelly Ayotte and Chris Murphy. Feel free to watch. B6

Thanks, Matt

From: Matthew McInnis
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: RE:

Yes, Brian, of course. I was still waiting for comments from [redacted] and then wanted to trim these down to be more executive and thoroughly edited. These contain a lot of "background thinking." B6

Happy to come in later to walk these through.

Thanks. Matt

From: Hook, Brian H [HookBH@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Matthew McInnis
Subject:

Can you send me what you have so I can review?

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From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Battle, Raniesha J
Subject: FW: Trilateral and bilateral dialogues with ROK/Japan

Any good ideas for when I could sneak in and talk to Brian for 15-30 minutes per below? Thanks!

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From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Trilateral and bilateral dialogues with ROK/Japan

Let's discuss today. Thanks for doing all this work.

On Jun 28, 2017, at 10:38 AM, Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov> wrote:

Hi Brian:

I'm beginning to get queries from the ROKs and Japanese about details for the policy planning dialogues coming up July 19. A few things we will need to work on fairly quickly:

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Let me know what you think. I would be grateful if we could get together this week to discuss these dialogues so I can get to work with the ROK and Japanese teams on agendas etc.

I will get you bios on your Japanese and ROK counterparts. [redacted] B5

[redacted] Thanks,

Dan

Dan Biers
Member, Policy Planning Staff
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[redacted] (cell) B6

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From: Peterlin, Margaret JA
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S
Cc: Eng, Emily E (S)
Subject: Re: Wachtel asks re: S-Mnuchin call

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They spoke.

Nothing to report. They did not finish the discussion

They are supposed to speak again later.

You saw the note earlier about S's wanting Shannon to make sure [redacted] B5

Also. This email is unclass and the topic is classified

M. J. A. Peterlin

On Jun 28, 2017, at 12:09 PM, Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov> wrote:

> Pls advise if/how you would like me to respond. Thanks, Tad
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> **From:** Wachtel, Howard
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 11:59 AM
> **To:** Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
> **Cc:** Kraut, Benjamin <KrautB@state.gov>; Mihailescu, Andrea R <MihailescuAR@state.gov>
> **Subject:** [redacted] B5
>
> Tad-
>
> I understand the Secretary and Mnuchin may have had a conversation this morning to discuss [redacted] [redacted] B5 Do you know if that conversation ever took place? If so, we have a couple of questions relating to the rollout. Happy to discuss. My # is 7-2272.
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> Best,
> Howie
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Cc: Green, Breanna L; Burnett, Andrew B; Crampton, Stuart M
Subject: RE: NEW URGENT CLEARANCE: Press Statement & PG Sudan Sanctions - Option 2

Apologies for adding on, but we received an additional request from post to include the below Q to compliment the current guidance. If it is not too late, please include the below in your review:

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Colleagues –

Thanks again for your help with getting this PG and Statement cleared over the weekend. Hopefully, this will be my final ask of you regarding these docs.

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I attempted to consolidate all of your recommended edits and my office needed to make a few additional tweaks to both docs (that affected your equities) as a result of some outcomes this morning. Given those changes, I am hoping to get your office's quick and urgent review of the attached by 5 pm, so that this can go to the AF-FO and the NSC to be finalized.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

-Rubani

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Cc: Green, Breanna L; Burnett, Andrew B; Crampton, Stuart M
Subject: URGENT CLEARANCE: Press Statement & PG Sudan Sanctions - Option 2
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Colleagues –

Thanks again to you all for your work earlier this week on our Spox statement and Press Guidance regarding the Administration's upcoming assessment on Sudan sanctions. B5

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The attached guidance will only be utilized after our assessment has officially been made public and only if the Administration selects Option 2. If Option 2 is selected, the decision likely will become public on July 12 but could come out as early as July 11.

Please review the attached Option 2 press materials and try to provide me with your clearance by **Sunday @ 2:00 pm.** So sorry to hit you with a weekend deadline but we'll still need time to get additional clearances and have a document ready by COB Monday.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Rubani Trimiew
Public Affairs and Press Officer
Office of the U.S. Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan (S/USSESSS) &
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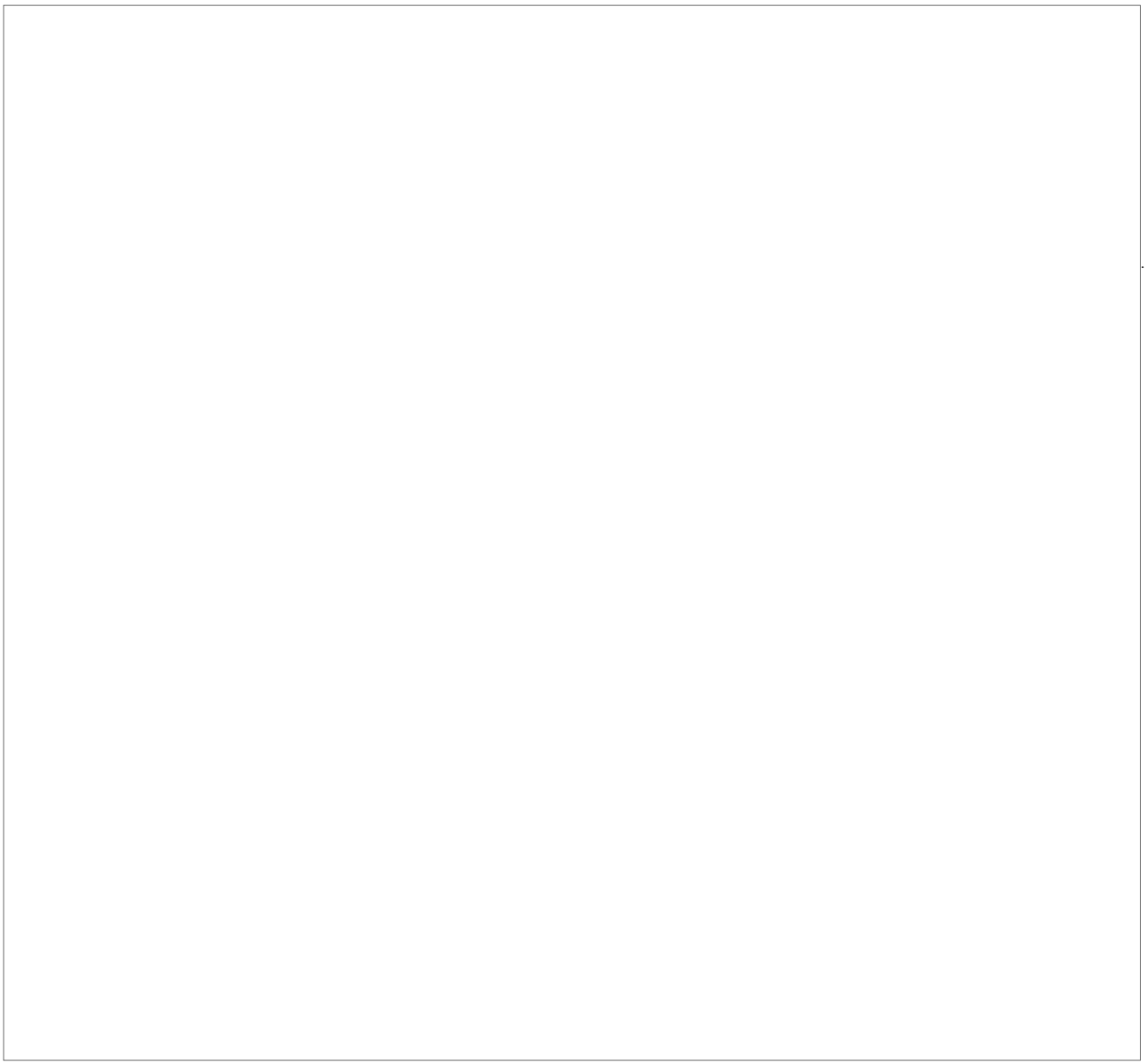
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To: Whiton, Christian
Cc: Ciccone, Christine M; Espinosa, Caroline M; Hammond, R.C.
Subject: Re: Possible NK speech

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RC and I can take next steps and get back to everyone.

On Jul 4, 2017, at 12:09 PM, Whiton, Christian <WhitonC@state.gov> wrote:

Sounds great. Attached is the back-of-the-envelope media brainstorm to prompt discussion I put together the other week. Rough and incomplete. Would it be helpful to you in producing your rollout plan for me to revise this document based on what Feith is producing and Caroline's surrogate network? Or better to standby for what you and RC assemble?

Thanks,
Christian

P.S. Below were some thoughts we had about venues for a speech.

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Subject: Re: Possible NK speech

I approved Feith's speech outline and just left him a voice message with some additional thoughts after the latest missile launch. I asked him to complete a draft as soon as he can so we can get it into our process. My view is to have him give remarks after we are back, which would be sometime during the week of the 17th. If that's not possible, it would have to be the week of the 24th. August is dead so let's please try to get a policy speech delivered by the end of the month. RC and I spoke and agree on this notional plan. He and I will draft a rollout DPRK plan for S when we're on the road this week with him.

On Jul 4, 2017, at 9:37 AM, Whiton, Christian <WhitonC@state.gov> wrote:

Just caught up by phone with David Feith. I'll update the media plan around a possible speech or similar product by the Secretary in the event he proceeds. Can circulate an updated draft by COB tomorrow if that works for you. Will coordinate with Caroline on surrogate part.

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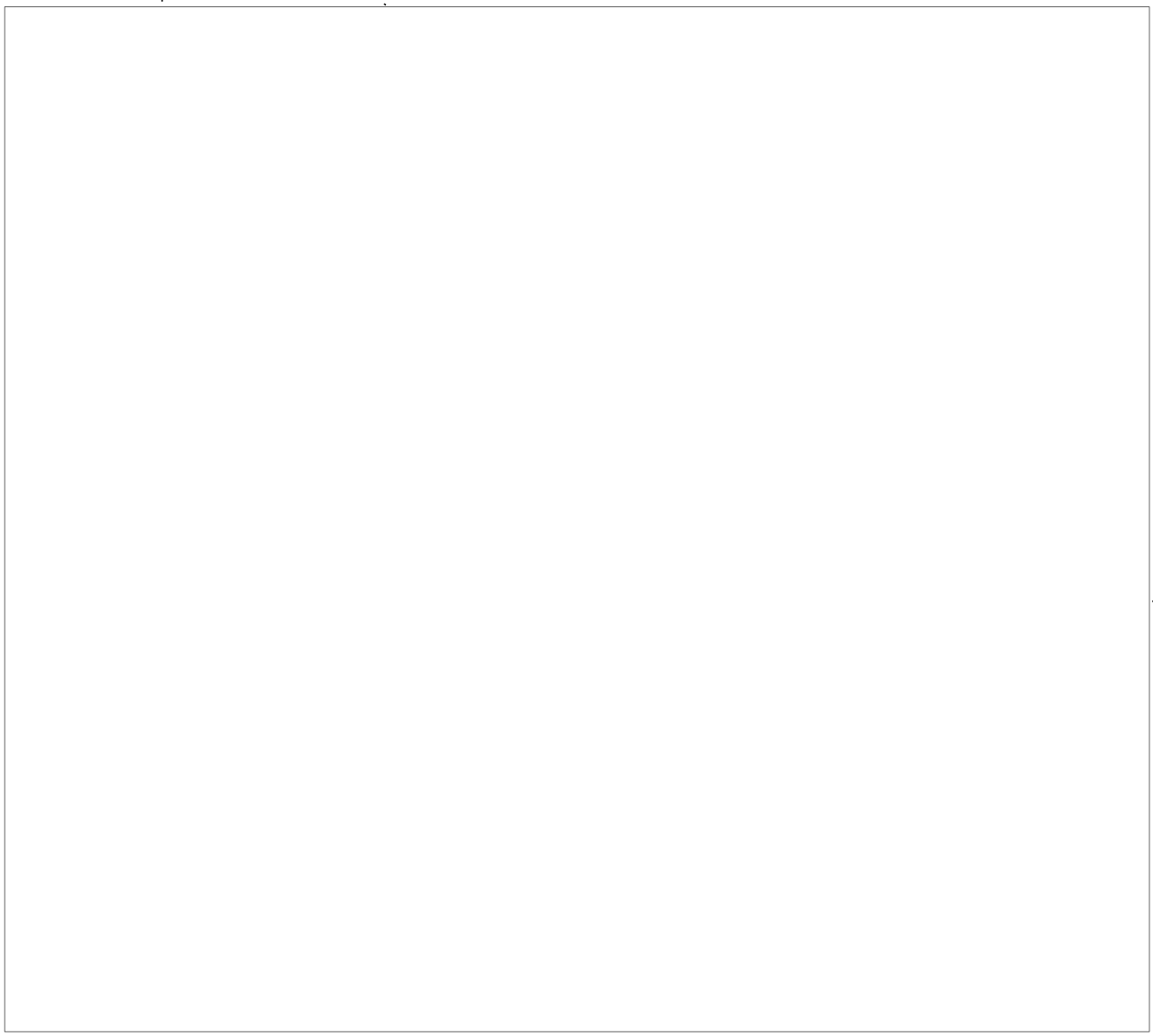
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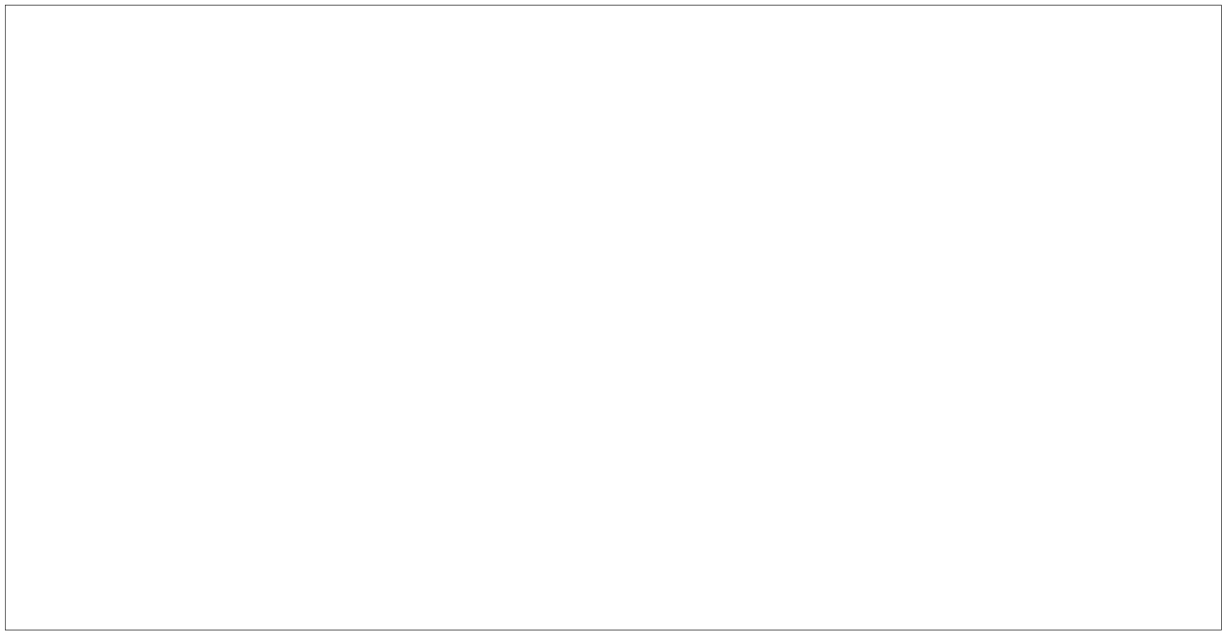
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Thanks for your help today James! Happy 4th.

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> Thanks for all your help and support today,
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The United States strongly condemns North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. Testing an ICBM represents a new escalation of the threat to the U.S., our allies and partners, the region, and the world.

Global action is required to stop a global threat. Any country that hosts North Korean guest workers, provides any economic or military benefits, or fails to fully implement UN Security Council resolutions is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime. All nations should publicly demonstrate to North Korea that there are consequences to their pursuit of nuclear weapons. We intend to bring North Korea's provocative action before the UN Security Council and enact stronger measures to hold the DPRK accountable.

The United States seeks only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the end of threatening actions by North Korea. As we, along with others, have made clear, we will never accept a nuclear-armed North Korea.

The President and his national security team are continuing to assess the situation in close coordination with our allies and partners.

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UN survey finds cybersecurity gaps everywhere except Singapore (Reuters)

GENEVA (Reuters) - Singapore has a near-perfect approach to cybersecurity, but many other rich countries have holes in their defences and some poorer countries are showing them how it should be done, a U.N. survey showed on Wednesday.

Wealth breeds cybercrime, but it does not automatically generate cybersecurity, so governments need to make sure they are prepared, the survey by the U.N. International Telecommunication Union (ITU) said.

"There is still an evident gap between countries in terms of awareness, understanding, knowledge and finally capacity to deploy the proper strategies, capabilities and programmes," the survey said.

The United States came second in the ITU's Global Cybersecurity Index, but many of the other highly rated countries were small or developing economies.

The rest of the top 10 were Malaysia, Oman, Estonia, Mauritius, Australia, Georgia, France and Canada. Russia ranked 11th. India was 25th, one place ahead of Germany, and China was 34th.

The ranking was based on countries' legal, technical and organisational institutions, their educational and research capabilities, and their cooperation in information-sharing networks.

"Cybersecurity is an ecosystem where laws, organizations, skills, cooperation and technical implementation

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need to be in harmony to be most effective," the survey said.

"The degree of interconnectivity of networks implies that anything and everything can be exposed, and everything from national critical infrastructure to our basic human rights can be compromised."

The crucial first step was to adopt a national security strategy, but 50 percent of countries have none, the survey said.

Among the countries that ranked higher than their economic development was 57th-placed North Korea, which was let down by its "cooperation" score but still ranked three spots ahead of much-richer Spain.

The smallest rich countries also scored badly - Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco and San Marino were all well down the second half of the table. The Vatican ranked 186th out of 195 countries in the survey.

But no country did worse than Equatorial Guinea, which scored zero.

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All,
Please clear the attached BCL by 3pm today. Joe Yun is meeting with Morgulov tomorrow.
Thanks,

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American hostages could be key to talks with North Korea

By Josh Rogin July 5 at 3:37 PM

Following North Korea's July 4 launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile, the Trump administration is focused on rallying the international community to punish Pyongyang and increasing the pressure on the Kim Jong Un regime to abandon its nuclear and missile programs.

But behind the scenes, officials have been cautiously discussing the conditions under which the United States could reengage in direct dialogue with North Korea. One idea, which South Korean President Moon Jae-in suggested before

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the North's latest missile launch, is that a deal could be struck to return the three Americans imprisoned there in exchange for a resumption of talks. Moon publicly floated that idea for the first time last Friday at a forum hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"President Trump himself also mentioned that under the right conditions we can have dialogue with North Korea. ... So that raises the question, what are the conditions that enable us to engage in dialogue," Moon said. "For example, maybe we can start dialogue with North Korea when North Korea promises to stop its nuclear and missile provocations. Or another example could be when North Korea releases the three American citizens it is currently detaining. Maybe that could be a start to the right conditions for dialogue."

Moon cautioned that the conditions for dialogue were not clear at this moment. He also said that the United States and its allies should not give North Korea any concessions in exchange for beginning talks, such as reducing the scope or scale of U.S.-South Korean military exercises, as the Chinese have suggested. But experts said his idea of trading dialogue for American hostages likely wasn't a coincidence.

"The Americans being held hostage, that's a new precondition that hadn't really been put forward before," said Anthony Ruggiero, senior fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. "Either he was floating it, or it was something that was mentioned in the meeting with President Trump."

A senior administration official confirmed that Trump and Moon discussed the hostages and said that Trump is personally committed to making progress on that issue, especially since the return and subsequent death of Otto Warmbier, the American college student who spent nearly 18 months detained in North Korea.

The official declined to say if such a precondition was actively being explored as a way to get to the table with the Kim regime, but said, "It will be tough for there to be substantive talks while there are American prisoners in that country. You can interpret that however you want."

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The Trump administration has been intentionally ambiguous about exactly what conditions would be acceptable for a resumption of negotiations, officials said. Meanwhile, State Department official Joseph Yun, who negotiated the release of Warmbier and traveled to Pyongyang to retrieve him, maintains the only functioning diplomatic channel with the Kim regime.

What happens after the two sides sit down at the table is another matter entirely. Moon said that while a freeze of North Korea's nuclear and missile programs could be a way into negotiations, the way out must be a total dismantling of those programs according to North Korea's previous commitments.

"In a theoretical way, that is correct, but the North Koreans have been very clear that they don't want to discuss denuclearization," said Ruggiero. "The North Koreans want a freeze as the way in and us accepting them as a nuclear state as the door out."

To be sure, Pyongyang's latest provocation makes any thought of sitting down with North Korea more difficult. The Trump administration reacted to the ICBM launch with a full-court press to persuade allies and adversaries alike to drastically ramp up pressure on the Kim regime and its enablers.

Trump tweeted that he no longer is counting on Chinese cooperation while Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is calling for "global action" to squeeze North Korea's economy like never before. The U.N. Security Council is convening this afternoon to seek consensus on new sanctions.

The Trump administration is moving toward the "maximum pressure"strategy it announced earlier this year. In the coming days and weeks, there could be more sanctions on Chinese businesses and individuals who help North Korea's illicit activities.

The theory is, if the pressure gets strong enough, the Kim regime may change its calculus.

"You are trying to make North Korea choose between their nuclear weapons and regime stability," said the Heritage Foundation's Bruce Klingner.

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The problem with that strategy is that there may be no level of pressure that gets Kim Jong Un to change course, especially without Chinese government buy in.

"It ain't gonna work," said former nuclear negotiator Joel Wit. "Diplomacy is the only option now that is not a dead end."

If and when Trump administration officials reach the point where they have ramped up the pressure as much as they can, they will have no other option but to talk to the North Korean government. And even if those talks are fruitless, at least they might be able to bring three more Americans home in the process.

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DRIVING THE DAY

BREAKING LATE LAST NIGHT -- STATEMENT FROM REP. STEVE SCALISE'S (R-LA.) OFFICE: "Congressman Steve Scalise has been readmitted to the Intensive Care Unit at MedStar Washington Hospital Center due to new concerns for infection. His condition is listed as serious. We will provide another update tomorrow, July 6."

Good Thursday morning. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP IS IN POLAND ... WHAT HE SAID

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AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE WITH ANDRZEJ DUDA -- TRUMP said Polish Americans came "out in droves" in the 2016 election and he noted he was "very happy" with the result ... He said the U.S. was working with Poland to counter Russia's "destabilizing behavior" in the region ... Trump vowed to confront North Korea "very strongly" and said "there are consequences for their very, very bad behavior."

TRUMP CALLED ON The Daily Mail's David Martosko and NBC's Hallie Jackson at his press conference.

-- ON CNN: "I think what CNN did was unfortunate for them. ... They have been fake news for a long time ... They have been covering me in a very dishonest way ... NBC is equally as bad despite the fact that I made them a fortunate with 'The Apprentice,' but they forgot that."

-- ON NORTH KOREA: "We'll see what happens. ... I have some pretty severe things that we are thinking about."

-- ON RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 ELECTIONS: "I think it was Russia, and I think it could've been other people. ... I agree, I think it was Russia, but I think it was probably other people or countries ... Nobody really knows for sure."

TRUMP likened his uncertainty about who meddled in the election to the false intelligence about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Other items: Trump said the U.S. would "continue to work with Poland" militarily to counter Russia's influence in the region, but the two presidents did not discuss guarantees. There are up to 5,000 U.S. troops in Poland, Trump said.

STANDING WITH the presidents of Poland and Croatia, Trump said: "This is a beautiful room, I must say. I love beautiful rooms," according to print pooler Abby Phillip of the Washington Post.

-- AND ... TRUMP SPOKE ABOUT THE U.S. ECONOMY: "We picked up in market value almost $4 trillion dollars ... Personally, I've picked up nothing. Everybody else is getting very rich. That's ok."

NOTE -- @GlennThrush: ".@realDonaldTrump slams fake news, then stands by as Duda describes why he's restricting Polish media outlets from covering parliament."

THE PRESIDENT is speaking at Krasinski Square around 7:15 a.m. D.C. time. He'll then leave for Hamburg for the G20 Summit. He meets with German Chancellor Angela Merkel at noon. At

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1:30 p.m., Trump will attend the Northeast Asia Security Dinner with South Korean President Moon Jae-In and Japanese President Shinzo Abe.

SPOTTED ON THE TRIP: U.S. Ambassador to Poland Paul Jones, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, Jared Kushner, national security adviser HR McMaster, National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn, Dina Powell, Sean Spicer, Dan Scavino, Hope Hicks, Rob Porter, Wendy Teramoto, Eli Miller and Stephen Miller, per the pool.

-- **@juliehdavis**: "Spotted at Trump's Krasinski Square speech in Warsaw: fmr WH national security advisers Gen. Jim Jones (Obama) & Steve Hadley (Bush 43)"

-- WHAT TRUMP WILL SAY IN HIS BIG SPEECH ... Excerpts, per the pool: "The triumph of the Polish spirit over centuries of hardship gives us all hope for a future in which good conquers evil, and peace achieves victory over war. ... I am here today not just to visit an old ally, but to hold it up as an example for others who seek freedom and who wish to summon the courage and the will to defend our civilization ... We must stand united against these shared enemies to strip them of their territory, their funding, their networks, and any form of ideological support. While we will always welcome new citizens who share our values and love our people, our borders will always be closed to terrorism and extremism. ...

"Finally, on both sides of the Atlantic , our citizens are confronted by yet another danger -- one firmly within our control. This danger is invisible to some but familiar to the Poles. The steady creep of government bureaucracy that drains the vitality and wealth of the people The West became great not because of paperwork and regulations but because people were allowed to chase their dreams and pursue their destinies. Americans, Poles, and the nations of Europe value individual freedom and sovereignty. We must work together to counter forces, whether they come from inside or out, from the South or the East, that threaten over time to undermine these values and to erase the bonds of culture, faith and tradition that make us who we are. ...

"The people have been that foundation here in Poland -- they were right here in Warsaw -- and they were the foundation from the very beginning in America. ... Because as the Polish experience reminds us -- the defense of the West ultimately rests not only on means but also on the will of its people to prevail. The fundamental question of our time is whether the West has the will to survive. ... Our own fight for the West does not begin on the battlefield -- it begins with our minds, our wills, and our souls."

THE STAKES -- NYT A1, "Talks With Putin Pose Main Risks Of Trump's Trip," by Julie Hirschfeld Davis and Glenn Thrush (online headline: **"Trump Aides' Biggest Worry About Europe Trip: Meeting With Putin"):** "Even his top aides do not know precisely what Mr.

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Trump will decide to say or do when he and Mr. Putin meet face to face on Friday on the sidelines of the Group of 20 economic summit gathering in Hamburg, Germany. And that is what most worries those advisers as well as officials across his administration as Mr. Trump begins his second foreign trip as president, stopping first in Warsaw to give an address on Thursday and then heading to Hamburg.

"**The highly anticipated conversation** with Mr. Putin is in many ways a necessity, given the critical disputes separating the United States and Russia. But it also poses risks for Mr. Trump, who faces a web of investigations into his campaign's possible links to Russia, as well as questions about his willingness to take on Moscow for its military aggression and election meddling on his behalf. The air of uncertainty about the meeting is only heightened by the president's propensity for unpredictable utterances and awkward optics."
http://nyti.ms/2tPli9Z

OTHER MEETING TO WATCH: Trump is slated to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping just as he has ratcheted up his rhetoric over North Korea.

--"The Flashpoints for World Leaders at the Hamburg G-20," by Bloomberg's Alan Crawford and Sam Dodge: "Sparks could really ???y over the policy agenda of free trade, climate change and migration put forward by the German host." https://bloom.bg/2uN5nX9

HAPPENING TONIGHT -- Leaders from Canada, Argentina, Norway and Belgium are gathering with Coldplay, Shakira, Pharrell Williams and Ellie Goulding for the Global Citizen Festival in Hamburg ahead of the G20. Their aim is to raise commitments of up to $661 million from governments to support global health, gender equality and education. Trump was not invited. A source in the organization organizing the festival told us they do not believe he has made a meaningful commitment to the world's poor. ***Livestream at 1 p.m. Eastern***
http://bit.ly/2sPmXIQ

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FOR YOUR RADAR -- "S. Korea fires missiles in drills amid standoff with North," by AP's Hyung-Jin Kim in Seoul, South Korea: "South Korean jets and navy ships fired a barrage of guided-missiles into the ocean during drills Thursday, a display of military power two days after North Korea test-launched its first intercontinental ballistic missile. ... The live-fire drills off

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South Korea's east coast were previously scheduled. In a show of force, South Korea and the United States also staged 'deep strike' precision missile firing drills on Wednesday as a warning to the North." http://bit.ly/2uNhpzE

-- **"U.S. missile shield not yet ready for North Korean nukes:** The Pentagon and its contractors still haven't figured out how to reliably shoot down an intercontinental ballistic missile like the one recently tested by North Korea," by Jacqueline Klimas and Connor O'Brien: "Tens of billions of dollars spent over three decades have still left the Pentagon with no reliable way to shoot down nuclear-tipped missiles approaching the U.S. homeland - a vulnerability that has taken on sharp new urgency after North Korea's Independence Day test of its first ICBM. Instead, the missile defense system designed to shield the United States from an intercontinental ballistic missile - a diverse network of sensors, radars, and interceptor missiles based in Alaska and California - has failed three of its five tests, military leaders acknowledge.

"Even the two successful ones were heavily scripted. 'If the North Koreans fired everything they had at us, and we fired at all of the missiles, we'd probably get most of them,' said Jeffrey Lewis, the director of the East Asia nonproliferation program at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies. 'But is 'probably get most' a good day or a bad day?'" http://politi.co/2tL6ny6

-- **"U.S. diplomat blasts China and Russia for 'holding the hands' of North Korean leader,"** by WaPo's David Nakamura and Emily Rauhala: "The top U.S. diplomat at the United Nations blasted Russia and China on Wednesday for 'holding the hands' of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, as the Trump administration struggled to respond to Pyongyang's latest ballistic missile test. U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley chided Moscow and Beijing over their opposition to a Security Council resolution condemning North Korea and imposing greater economic sanctions for what she called its 'sharp military escalation.'" http://wapo.st/2usY2Nb

TARA PALMERI -- FIEFDOM ALERT -- "Trump's aides build their own empires in the West Wing": "President Donald Trump won office on promises to shake up how Washington works, and so far that's been most apparent in his own West Wing, where his top advisers have built up personal staffs to support their own agendas instead of using a traditional White House policy and messaging operation. ...

"Chief strategist Steve Bannon has two special assistants , a deputy assistant, an executive assistant and a body man working in his 'war room' -- plus his external press hand, something his predecessors under President Barack Obama, David Axelrod and David Plouffe, never had while working in the White House. Senior adviser Jared Kushner has seven staffers below him, including his own communications adviser, a former Hollywood PR exec who previously repped

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Kushner's real estate work. ...

"Senior counselor Kellyanne Conway ... has a chief of staff, Renee Hudson, who manages one person below her ... Ivanka Trump also has a chief of staff, Julie Radford, who holds the title of special assistant to the president and only manages a single person below her. ... Most noticeable is the proliferation of spokespeople operating parallel to the White House press office. That includes spokesman Josh Raffel, a commissioned officer with a senior title and salary who handles White House-related queries concerning Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump's initiatives. He's also worked to promote initiatives from the Office of American Innovation like a tech CEO event in addition to Kushner's work on Israel and Ivanka Trump's paid leave initiatives. Raffel previously represented Kushner Companies when he worked at Hiltzik Strategies, a New York firm." http://politi.co/2sPjARW

MITCH MCCONNELL'S LATEST HEADACHE -- "Right threatens McConnell's Obamacare repeal," by Burgess Everett: "Conservative groups are aggressively backing Mike Lee and Ted Cruz in their bid to move the Senate Republicans' Obamacare repeal bill further to the right, setting up a major confrontation between the party's warring factions next week.

"On Wednesday afternoon both FreedomWorks and the Club for Growth urged Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) to adopt an amendment from Sens. Cruz of Texas and Lee of Utah that would largely gut Obamacare's regulatory regime. The move is significant: Without at least a neutral stance from conservative groups, it could be impossible for McConnell to find the 50 votes needed to pass a repeal this month. But what the right is asking for may not be able to pass the Senate either.

"Cruz and Lee's Consumer Freedom Act would allow the sale of non-compliant healthcare plans as long as insurers offered plans that also covered pre-existing conditions and other terms mandated by the Affordable Care Act. Lee and Cruz, who were part of the Senate's health care working group, have been pushing their colleagues privately to adopt the language, arguing they should at least allow consumers to buy cheap plans if they can't repeal the law entirely." http://politi.co/2sr0jXD

-- "GOP Scrambles to Recruit Senate Candidates," by WSJ's Natalie Andrews: http://on.wsj.com/2ssKK1R

THE OPPOSITION -- "Dems' new pitch to voters: A 'Better Deal'," by Elana Schor and Heather Caygle: "Democratic leaders are zeroing in on a new mantra for their long-promised economic agenda: the 'Better Deal.' The re-branding attempt comes as Democrats acknowledge that simply running against President Donald Trump wasn't a winning strategy in 2016 and

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probably won't work in 2018 either. The slogan, which is still being polled in battleground House districts, aims to convince voters that Democrats have more to offer than the GOP and the self-proclaimed deal-maker in the White House. But even as Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi prepare a jobs package centered on infrastructure, trade and the minimum wage, some of their most vulnerable members are already making other plans.

"Several moderate Democrats facing reelection next year told POLITICO that no matter what leadership does, they're preparing to craft their own pitch to voters. The ideological and political divides that gripped the party during the Hillary Clinton-Bernie Sanders primary wars are far from healed, and leadership may not find universal support for the left-leaning platform, particularly from those trying to defend seats in Trump-friendly states."
http://politi.co/2trdcT4

IN FOGGY BOTTOM -- "Tillerson's new deputy quietly wins over State Department staffers," by Nahal Toosi: "John Sullivan, the new deputy secretary of state, is quickly winning over State Department employees by taking otherwise ordinary steps in what seem like extraordinary times. The 57-year-old has repeatedly stated his admiration for the foreign service, even as President Donald Trump has proposed gutting it. He talks to career officers - and says he wants to meet all of them, even as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson grows increasingly isolated from his staff. Sullivan has also pushed the boundaries of the Trump administration's ethos by reaching out to Democrats as well as Republicans to help him prepare for his new job. ...

"On Wednesday, Tillerson announced that Sullivan would oversee a steering team focused on ways to restructure the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development, the most contentious issue facing the agency as Trump pushes to shrink its budget and 75,000-person workforce. Although he's been a Supreme Court law clerk, held a top legal position at the Pentagon, and served as the deputy secretary of commerce, Sullivan had no direct State Department experience when nominated to be deputy to Tillerson, who is widely viewed within his department as isolated from and dismissive of career staff."
http://politi.co/2ts90Rp

-- "Tillerson urges Russia to cooperate on Syria ahead of Trump-Putin meeting," by Nahal Toosi: "Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Wednesday called on Russia to do more to bring peace to Syria, and suggested that Moscow and Washington could cooperate on establishing no-fly zones in the war-torn Arab country. In the unusual statement, Tillerson also insisted that America's top priority in Syria remains defeating the Islamic State terrorist network and that the future of the Syrian regime of Bashar Assad, who is engaged in a civil war with rebel factions,

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must be decided through a political settlement." http://politi.co/2ut3fEK

THE JUICE ...

-- **FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: SHANNON DIBARI**, chief operating officer and executive vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is retiring at the end of the year after 38 years with the trade group. Statement from the Chamber: "Her generous advance notification gives us ample time to plan a smooth transition of her duties and appropriately celebrate her success."

-- **PLAYBOOK SCOOP:** Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) is releasing a report and sending a letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions detailing what he believes are national security risks posed by leaks. The report from the majority staff says: "Under President Trump, leaks are flowing at the rate of one a day, an examination of open-source material by the majority staff of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs shows. Articles published by a range of national news organizations between January 20 and May 25, 2017 included at least 125 stories with leaked information potentially damaging to national security ... To ensure the security of our country's most sensitive information, federal law enforcement officials ought to thoroughly investigate leaks of potentially sensitive information flowing at an alarming rate." ***The report*** http://politi.co/2tjVIJG

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PLAYBOOK READS

PHOTO DU JOUR: President Donald Trump shakes hands with Poland's President Andrzej Duda after arriving at the Royal Castle on July 6 in Warsaw | Evan Vucci/AP Photo

AN ADAPTATION from Josh Green's new book on Steve Bannon, which just posted on Bloomberg Businessweek's site at 6 a.m. -- **"The Evolution of Donald Trump":** "History could have been different. While Trump always displayed populist instincts, his opinions on national affairs tended to reflect the views of a New York Democrat, which was, after all, the world he inhabited. It's almost impossible to imagine now, but in the period just before he entered

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politics, Trump's appeal to blacks and Hispanics was powerful enough to make him the darling of corporate America. Although he was not a politician, Trump's multicultural appeal was an achievement that a sclerotic Republican Party was increasingly desperate to match. One reason this story has never been told is because Trump decided he'd be better served politically by destroying this legacy. He wasn't exactly wrong: His 'birther' attack on President Obama in 2011, when Trump was eyeing a 2012 run, marked a sharp pivot on race and then immigration that enabled his remarkable rise to the presidency." https://bloom.bg/2tjXIlm ... ***$21.80 on Amazon*** http://amzn.to/2utkR30

BUZZY READ -- NYT BUSINESS DAY COVER -- "A Network vs. the President," by Mike Grynbaum (online headline: "The Network Against the Leader of the Free World): "Jeffrey A. Zucker hasn't been getting a lot of sleep lately. But he says that's nothing new. 'I don't sleep that much anyway,' Mr. Zucker, the president of CNN, said on Wednesday in his fifth-floor office, just off the network's glassy Midtown Manhattan newsroom. A television executive with a reputation for pugilism - a plaque above his desk reads 'Punch Today in the Face' -- Mr. Zucker, 52, has weathered decades of battles in his industry. But he and CNN are in the middle of their most intense bout yet: an unlikely public fight with the leader of the free world.

"It is rare that a single news organization attracts the level of ire mustered by President Trump, who over the weekend posted on Twitter a video that portrayed him wrestling a figure with the logo of CNN for a head. ... The onslaught has contributed to a foxhole-like mentality inside CNN's offices, where security measures have been tightened and some hosts have considered abandoning their social media accounts because of abuse. ...

"White House advisers have discussed a potential point of leverage over their adversary, a senior administration official said: a pending merger between CNN's parent company, Time Warner, and AT&T. Mr. Trump's Justice Department will decide whether to approve the merger, and while analysts say there is little to stop the deal from moving forward, the president's animus toward CNN remains a wild card." http://nyti.ms/2tsO91W

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TRUMP INC. -- "Trump Organization renews rights to TrumpTowerMoscow.com," by Madeline Conway and Tyler Fisher: "The Trump Organization has renewed its claim on more than 1,000 of the web domains registered by its general counsel, including some politically

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sensitive websites such as TrumpRussia.com and TrumpTowerMoscow.com. The company, which President Donald Trump's two adult sons are managing while he serves in the White House but from which he has not divested, has reserved thousands of web domains associated with the Trump name and its various properties. POLITICO recently published a searchable database of hundreds of those URLs, based on publicly available internet directory records on the domain registration database website WhoIs.com." http://politi.co/2sPcwF7

MEDIAWATCH - "An inside look at One America News, the insurgent TV network taking 'pro-Trump' to new heights," by WaPo's Marc Fisher: "One America News is an obscure TV channel struggling to emerge from the cellar of the cable ratings, but it is nonetheless one of President Trump's favorite media outlets. It's not hard to see why: On One America newscasts, the Trump administration is a juggernaut of progress, a shining success with a daily drumbeat of achievements. ... [S]ince its inception in 2013, and especially since Trump began his march to the White House, One America's owner, Robert Herring Sr., a millionaire who made his money printing circuit boards, has directed his channel to push Trump's candidacy, scuttle stories about police shootings, encourage anti-abortion stories, minimize coverage of Russian aggression, and steer away from the new president's troubles, according to more than a dozen current and former producers, writers and anchors, as well as internal emails from Herring and his top news executives." http://wapo.st/2tP7aO3

--"The New York Times will fly you around the world for $135,000. Is that a problem?" by WaPo's Paul Farhi: "It's the trip of a lifetime - around the world in 26 days, with stops in nine countries. Just 50 people will travel on this guided tour next year via a private Boeing 757 to places like Marrakesh, Easter Island and Reykjavik, Iceland.

"The price: $135,000 per person. And that's not all. Those who make the journey will be accompanied on various legs by journalists from the New York Times. ... Among those scheduled to join the traveling party are Washington bureau chief Elisabeth Bumiller, op-ed columnist Nicholas Kristof and Publisher Arthur O. Sulzberger Jr. The super-luxe journey and other Times-sponsored travel packages are a lucrative source of income for the paper at a time when news organizations are under increasing financial pressure. The round-the-world trip ... could gross as much as $6.7 million." http://wapo.st/2ut6YSP ... ***See the trip*** http://nyti.ms/2sIPtAJ

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SPOTTED: Former FBI director James Comey at National Airport assisting his daughter as she applied for TSA PreCheck ... Cambridge Analytica CEO Alexander Nix and Matthew Swift at

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dinner last night at Milos in NYC.

DAN BARTLETT, Jay Carney, and Geoff Morrell were all named to PR Week's U.S. Power List 2017: http://bit.ly/2tLo28U

TRANSITIONS -- Ben Harris, former chief economist and economic adviser to Joe Biden, will be joining Results for America as chief economist and senior adviser starting this September. **Abeba Taddese**, formerly program director of Results for All, has been named executive director of the organization. ... The Retail Cyber Intelligence Sharing Center has named **Suzie Squier** as its new executive director as the organization prepares to expands its information sharing capabilities. http://bit.ly/2sqi2yq

WEEKEND WEDDING - OBAMA ALUMNI: Jim Gilio, a former Obama White House spokesman now an attorney at Sloane, Offer, Weber and Dern in Beverly Hills, got married in Santa Barbara to **Ashley Lewis** , the head of wellness at Goop.com, Gwyneth Paltrow's company. They met when "she was looking at my apartment 3 weeks before I moved to Chicago to work on Obama for America in 2008! After fits and starts in different cities (me in Chicago and DC, her in LA then Palo Alto for biz school), we finally settled down!" ***Pics*** http://bit.ly/2sJ8u60 ... http://bit.ly/2tsyNu4

ENGAGED -- NYT ALUMNI: Will Storey, research manager at NBC's "Late Night with Seth Meyers," proposed over the weekend to **Isabella Moschen,** MFA candidate at Brooklyn College in creative writing, working on her first novel. "Maureen Dowd and Frank Bruni set us up when we were working as the NYT as columnist assistants back in 2011. Will worked for Maureen in DC, and I worked for Frank and Gail Collins in New York. Will proposed last weekend at the site of our first date, on 31st and 7th Ave. in Manhattan, the most romantic corner in all of New York City." ***Engagement pic*** http://bit.ly/2uN8375 ... ***Pic by Lloyd Bishop*** http://bit.ly/2tLHCC9

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Ron Fournier, publisher and editor of Crain's Detroit Business, is 54. How he's celebrating: "After work, I'm taking my grandson to dinner and the park. He is a big reason why we moved back to Detroit." Read his Playbook Plus Q&A: http://politi.co/2tsIs3X

BIRTHDAYS: President George W. Bush is 71 ... Apple's Nick Ammann (hat tip: Joel Johnson) ... John Dickerson is 49 (h/t Caitlin Conant, filing from Utah) ... Josh Elliott is 46 ... 50 Cent is 42 ... former first daughter Susan Ford Bales is 6-0 ... Christyn Lansing of the DHS comms shop ... Jill Zuckman, managing director at SKDKnickerbocker (h/t Hilary Rosen) ... CNN's Athena Jones ... Eleanor Clift ... Jennifer Duffy, senior editor at The Cook Political Report ... Richard Benedetto ... Anita Kumar, White House correspondent at McClatchy Newspapers ... Austin

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Lavin ... Kimberly Dozier, a Daily Beast and CNN contributor ... Chris Paulitz ... Mark Tomb ... Cloe Axelson ... Virginia state Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel ... Tyler Pager (h/t Annie Linskey) ...

... **Zachary Karabell,** Envestnet head of global strategies, is 5-0 ... Cynthia Keyser, chief of staff at NYC Department of Small Business Services (h/t Jon Haber) ... Charlie Sherwood ... ACLU's Gabriela Meléndez Olivera ... WashPost's Glenn Kessler ... Danny Sepulveda ... Henry Oliver ... Judah Ginsberg is 75 ... Sean Maroney ... Caitlin Helfrich ... Bryan Goettel ... Stephen Carter, senior comms. manager at Microsoft ... Petra Collins ... Thomas Mucha ... Kaylan Lehotsky Schreffler, who worked on the WH website during part of Bush 43 (h/t David Almacy) ... Hilary Bombard ... former Amb. Danny Sepulveda ... Patrick Hanley ... Randall K. Benjamin II ... Ken Opin ... Michelle Riesterer ... Jeff Gaumer (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... The 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is 82 ... Sylvester Stallone is 71 (h/ts AP)

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Asking China to 'fix' North Korea is a waste of time

July 6, 2017

By John Bolton

American and South Korean officials have said for over a year that North Korea would be able, within a very short time, to miniaturize a nuclear device, mount it on an intercontinental ballistic missile and hit the continental United States. The country's test launch Tuesday didn't conclusively demonstrate that Pyongyang has reached this point, but Alaska and Hawaii might already be within range — and US forces in South Korea and Japan certainly are.

This isn't the first time the North has marked the Fourth with fireworks. On July 4, 2006, a North Korean short-range missile barrage broke a seven-year moratorium, stemming from a 1998 Taepo-Dong missile launch that landed in the Pacific east of Japan. Tokyo responded angrily, leading Pyongyang to declare the moratorium

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(though it continued static-rocket testing), ironically gaining a propaganda victory.

In addition, the North substantially increased ballistic-missile cooperation with Iran, begun earlier in the decade, a logical choice since both countries were relying upon the same Soviet-era Scud missile technology, and because their missile objectives were the same: acquiring delivery capabilities for nuclear warheads.

This longstanding cooperation on delivery systems, almost certainly mirrored in comparable cooperation on nuclear weapons, is one reason North Korea threatens not only the United States and East Asia, but the entire world. In strategic terms, this threat is already here. Unfortunately, we should have realized its seriousness decades ago to prevent it from maturing.

It's clear that nearly 25 years of diplomatic efforts, even when accompanied by economic sanctions, have failed. President Trump seemed to continue the "carrots and sticks" approach, first with Chinese leader Xi Jinping, and more recently during South Korean President Moon Jae-in's Washington visit.

As he has said subsequently, however, we must shift to a more productive approach. China has been playing the United States while doing next to nothing to reverse the North's nuclear and ballistic-missile programs. Indeed, there's every reason to believe Beijing has at best turned a blind eye to willful violations of international sanctions and its own commitments, allowing Chinese enterprises and individuals to enable Pyongyang.

In response, many contend we should impose economic sanctions against China, pressuring it to pressure North Korea. While superficially attractive, this policy will inevitably fail.

Because, however, the failure will take time to become evident, sanctioning China will simply buy still more time for Pyongyang to advance its programs.

China's economy is so large that targeted sanctions against named individuals and institutions can have only minimal consequences. They will also suffer the common fate of such sanctions, being very easily evaded by establishing "cut outs" carrying on precisely the same activities under new names.

Plus, China's decades of mixed signals about the DPRK reflect its uncertainty about exactly what to do with the North. Sanctioning China might only strengthen the hand of Beijing's pro-Pyongyang faction, obviously the opposite of the result we seek.

Instead, Washington should keep its focus on the real problem: North Korea. China must be made to understand that, unless the threat is eliminated by reunifying the Peninsula, the US will do whatever is necessary to protect innocent American civilians from the threat of nuclear blackmail.

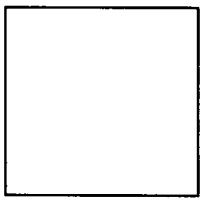
In the end, this unquestionably implies the use of military force, despite the risks of broader conflict on the Korean Peninsula, enormous dangers to civilians there and the threat of massive refugee flows from the North into China and South Korea. They can work with us or face the inevitable consequences, which will be far more damaging to China than pinprick sanctions.

These are very unhappy alternatives. But the lesson of the past 25 years is that pursuing diplomacy in the face of overwhelming evidence that diplomacy could not succeed has brought us to this point. We can either accept that reality now, or be forced to accept it later, with potentially much more painful results.

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Hi Line Colleagues:

Could you please task EAP with an updated BCL for Deputy Secretary Sullivan's meeting with Ambassador Hockey as well as a Japanese notecard, highlighting key points ?

Many thanks, Kate

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Thanks Kate. Sorry – a Japanese notecard? I haven't heard of that before. Please do send the format if you have it handy.

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Mike,

Thanks for checking in and reminding me on this. Yes – we'll need an updated BCL as well as a Japanese notecard, which D has requested for all his meetings with foreign interlocutors. Let me know if you need the format. EAP/CM just did one for D's meeting with VFM Zheng.

If you have it to us by OOB Monday, July 12th that would be perfect.

Thanks, Kate

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UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Russia objected on Thursday to a United Nations Security Council condemnation of North Korea's latest rocket launch because the U.S.-drafted statement referred to it as an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), diplomats said.

Security Council statements have to be agreed by all 15-members. It was not immediately clear if the United States would continue to negotiate with Russia in an effort to reach a council consensus on a statement of condemnation.

Moscow has said it believes Pyongyang fired an intermediate range ballistic missile on Tuesday, while China has not identified the rocket launched. North Korea said it tested an ICBM and the United States said that was likely true.

"The rationale is that based on our (Ministry of Defence's) assessment we cannot confirm that the missile can be classified as an ICBM," Russia's U.N. mission said in an email to its Security Council colleagues.

"Therefore we are not in a position to agree to this classification on behalf of the whole council since there is no consensus on this issue," the email said.

The council met on Wednesday to discuss the missile launch by North Korea, which has been under U.N. sanctions since 2006 over its ballistic missile and nuclear programs.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley denounced Russia's reluctance to recognize that North Korea had test-launched an ICBM, which some experts believe has the range to reach the U.S. states of Alaska and Hawaii.

"If you need any sort of intelligence to let you know that the rest of the world sees this as an ICBM, I'm happy to provide it," she told the Security Council on Wednesday.

The draft statement said the council would start work on "further significant measures" against North Korea. Since 2006 the council has ratcheted up sanctions on Pyongyang in response to five nuclear tests and two long-range missile launches.

Haley said on Wednesday the United States would propose new U.N. sanctions in coming days and warned that if Russia and China did not support the move, then "we will go our own path." She said Washington was ready to use force "if we must."

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"If you are happy with North Korea's actions, veto it. If you want to be a friend to North Korea, veto it," Haley said of her plan to propose new sanctions.

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Hope everyone enjoyed the July 4th holiday! I have two OpEds out today on North Korea.

- In Politico Magazine: "Time for Trump to Get Tough on China" (http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/07/06/donald-trump-china-north-korea-215343) I note that from 2009-2016 North Korea has used the Chinese banking system to process at least $296 million through the U.S. financial system and argue for additional sanctions on China.
- In The Hill: "The danger of North Korea and Iran — and how Trump should tackle it" (http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/foreign-policy/340832-the-great-danger-of-north-korea-and-iran-and-what-trump-can) I (with Behnam Ben Taleblu) review the North Korea-Iran missile relationship.

Best,
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Korea desk clearance, good to go for D.

Thanks, Kate

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Gentle reminder to please clear on the attached. This version reflects all clearance inputs received so far.
Thank you for your help,

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Hello request your clearance (and inputs in the highlighted portions) on the attached Q&A package for S who may be asked to participate in/take the post G-20 press conference.
Regret the short fuse but the tasker came last night and is due to our FO COB today, and we have to pad time to consolidate all the inputs and obtain PA clearance.
Would appreciate you adding any hot Q&A you think he might be asked, but trying to not make it much longer (suggested cuts welcome too).
To speed things along and have consistency in messaging, please note my comments denoting already cleared verbiage—much of it from NSC's latest guidance.
Thank you in advance,

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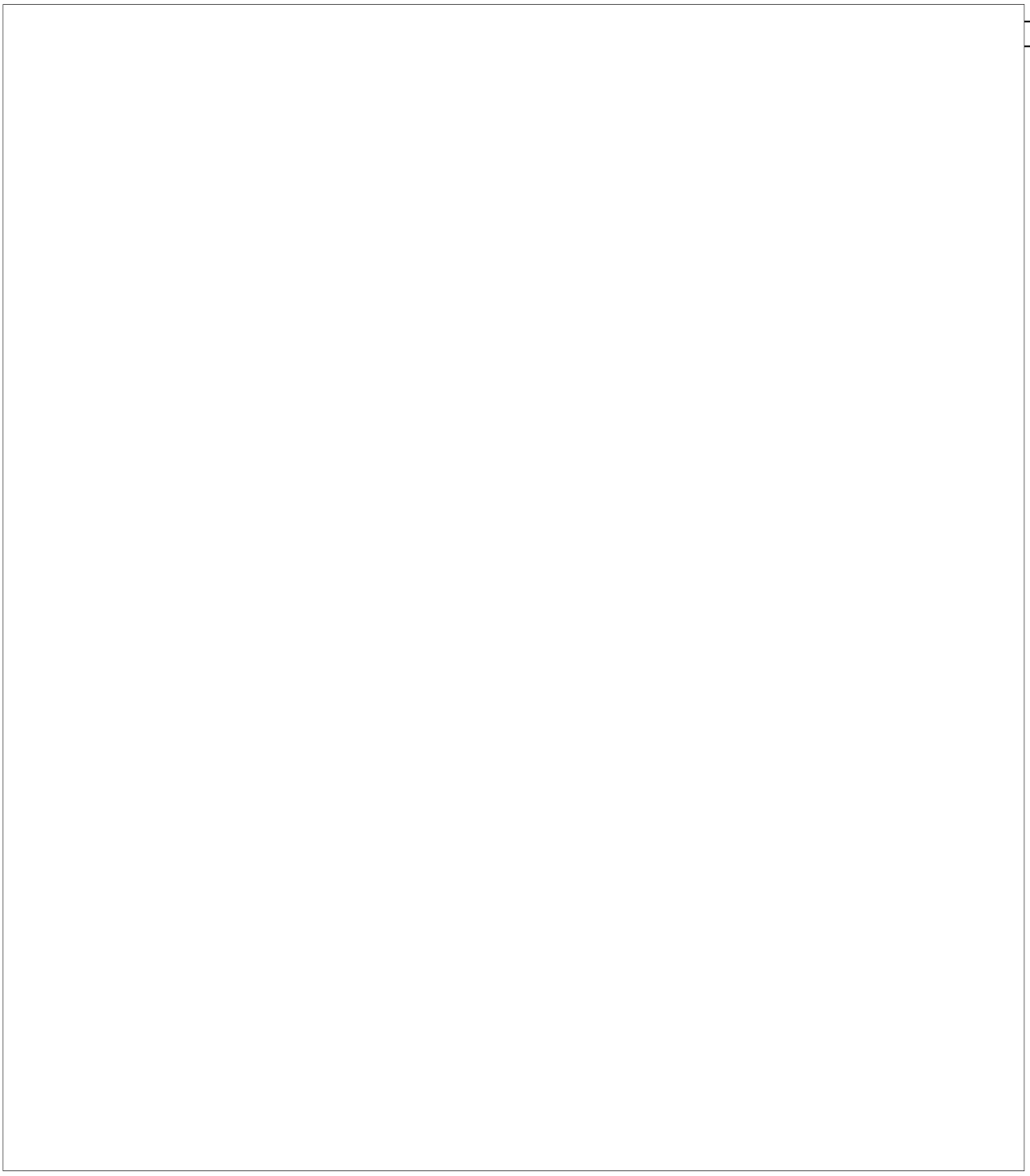
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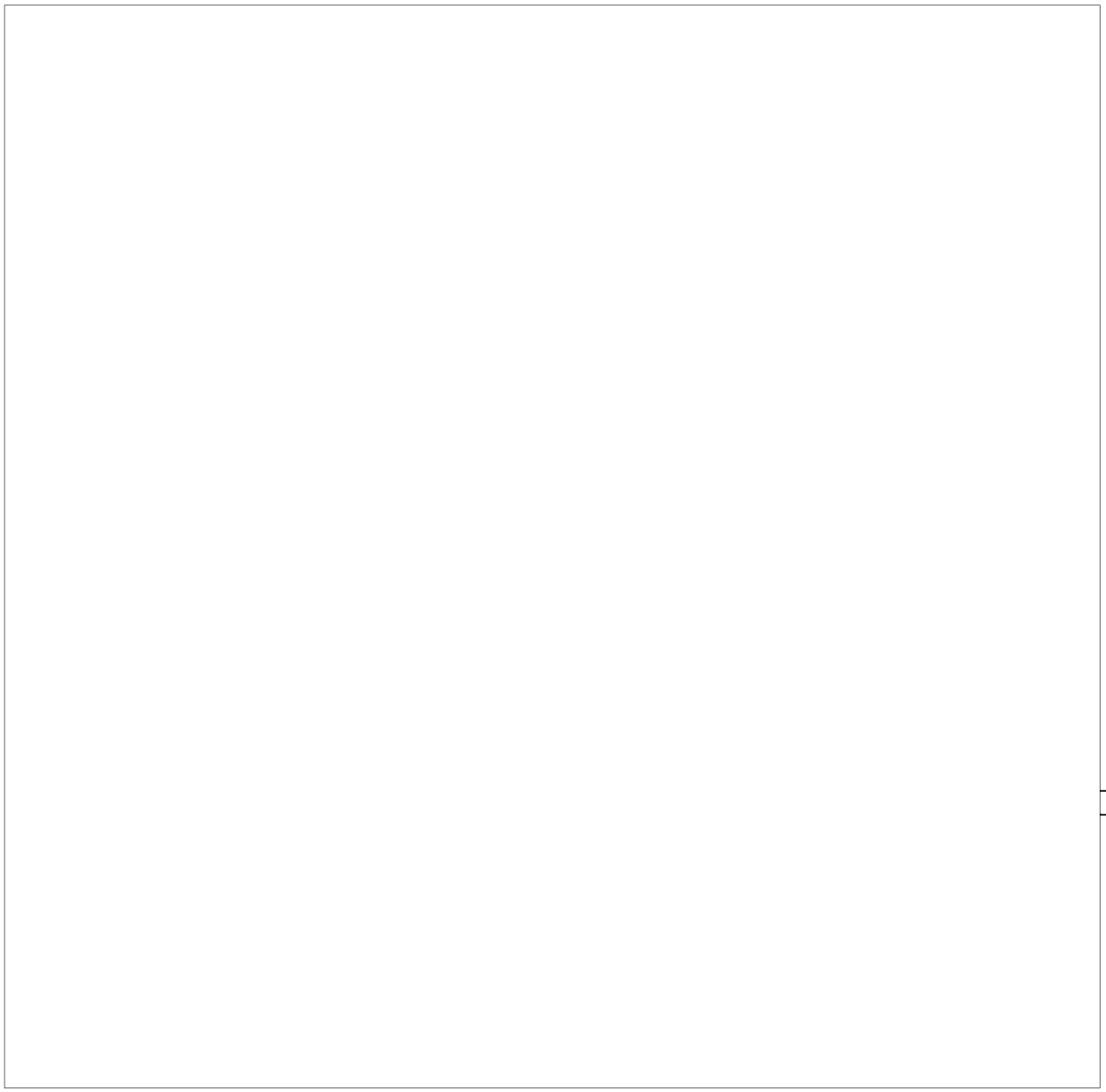
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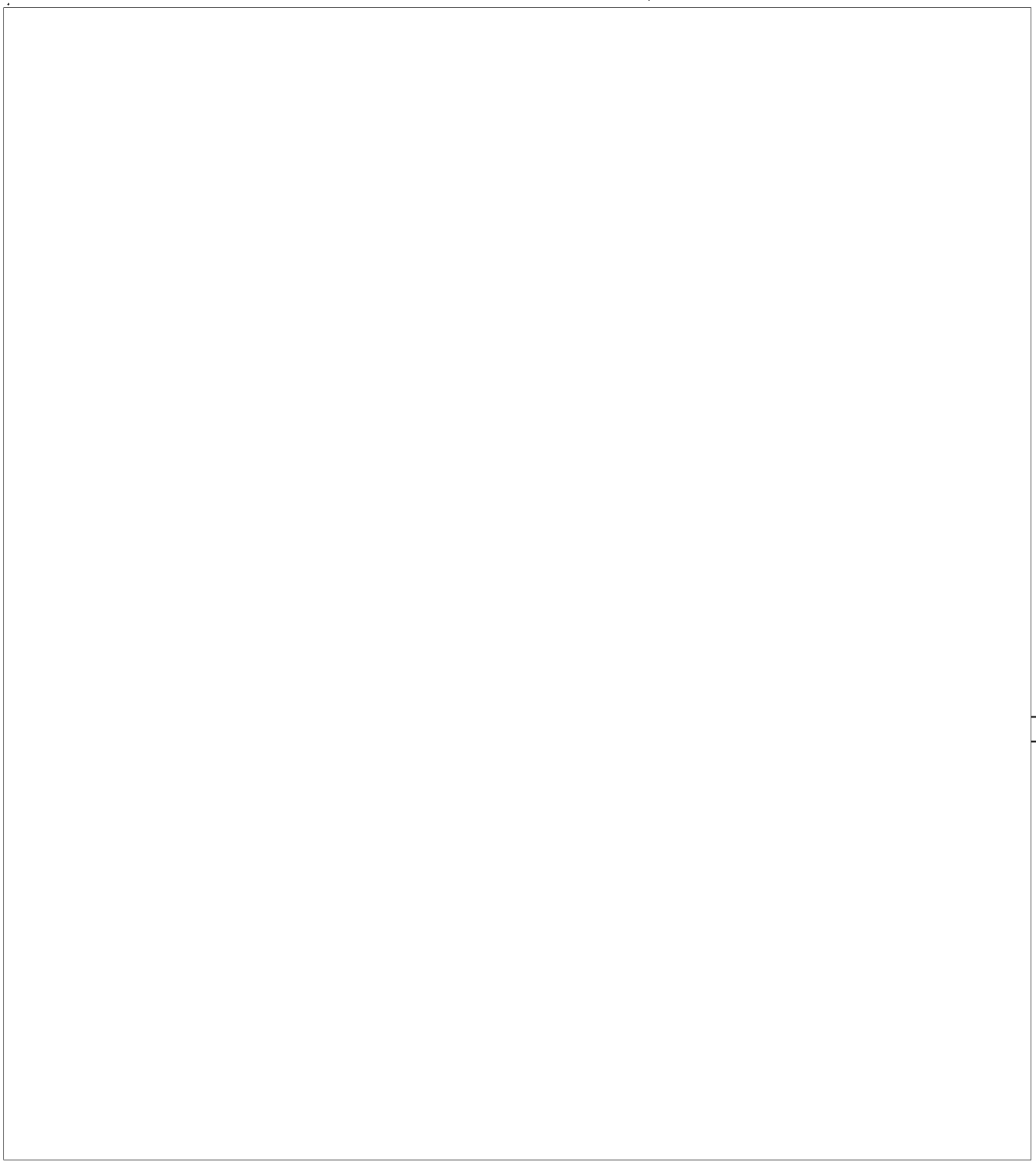


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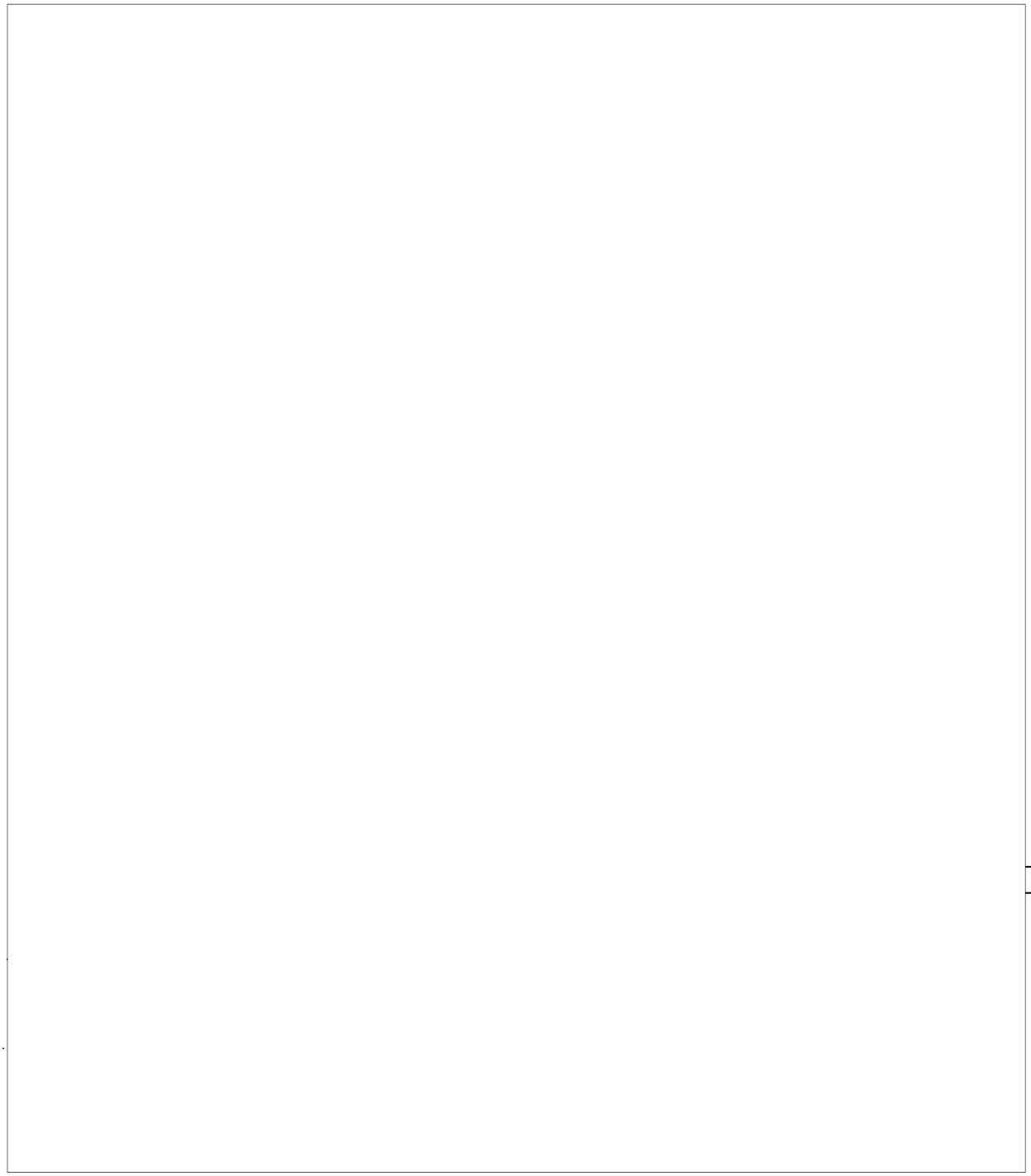


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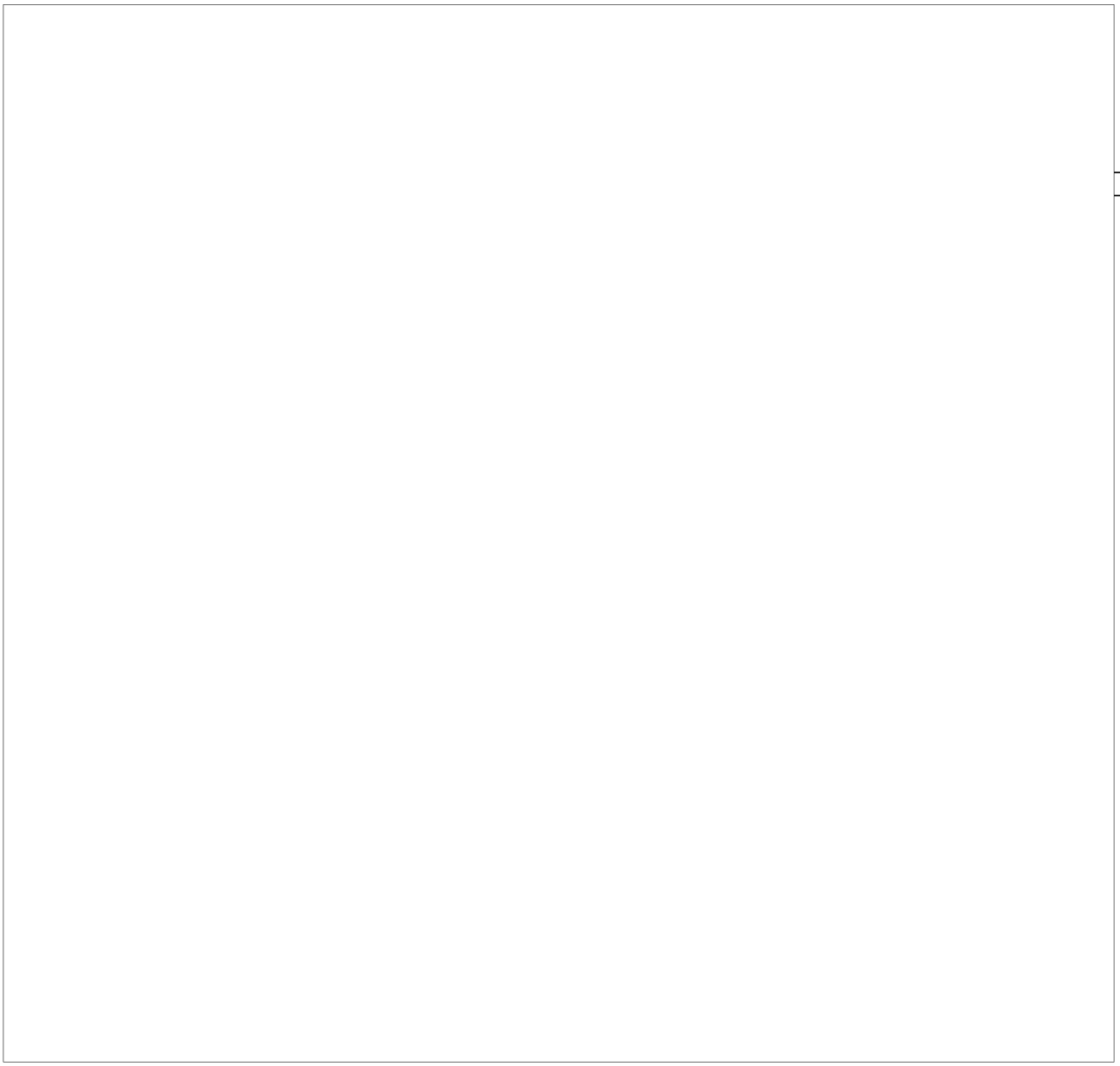
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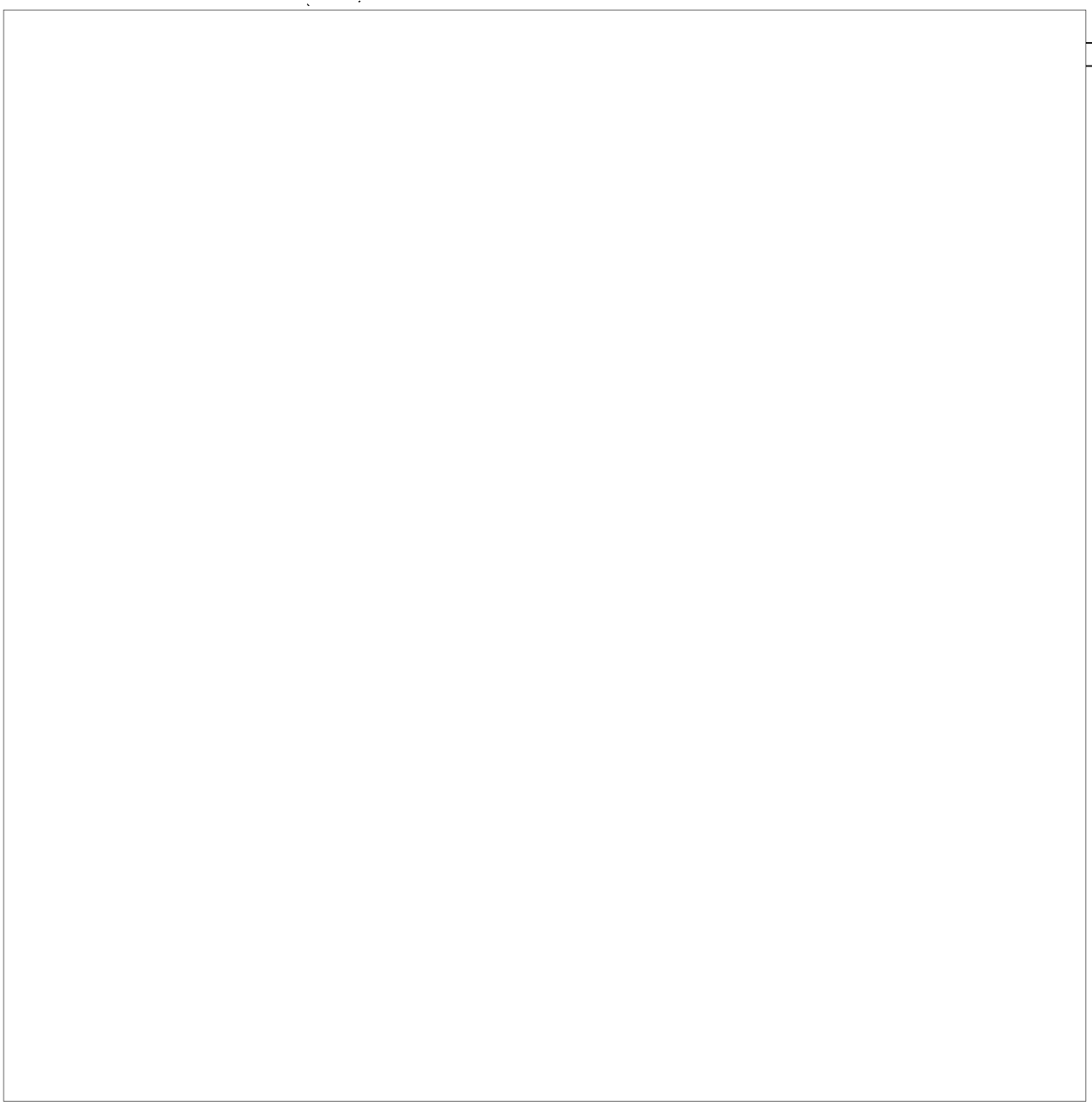
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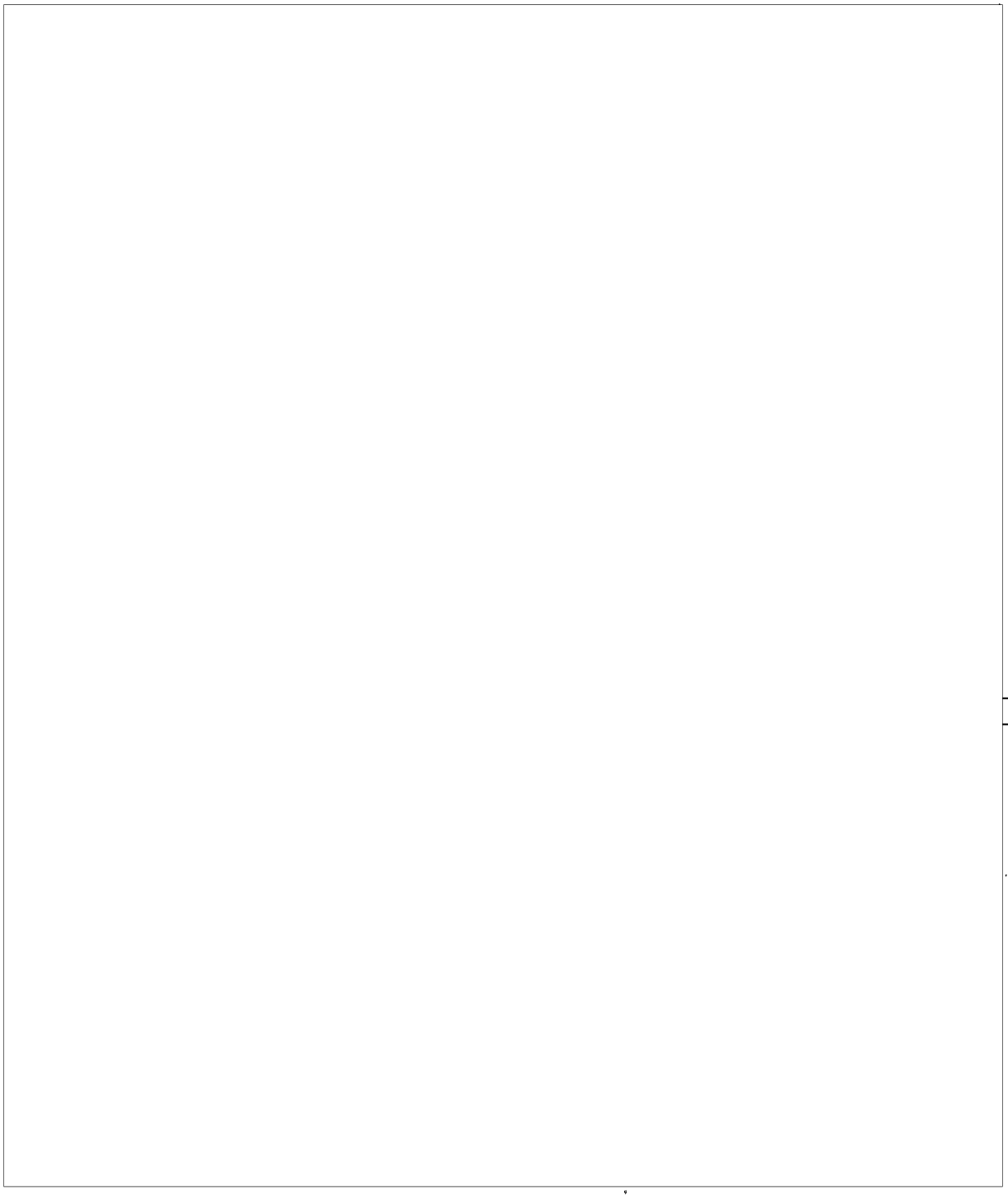
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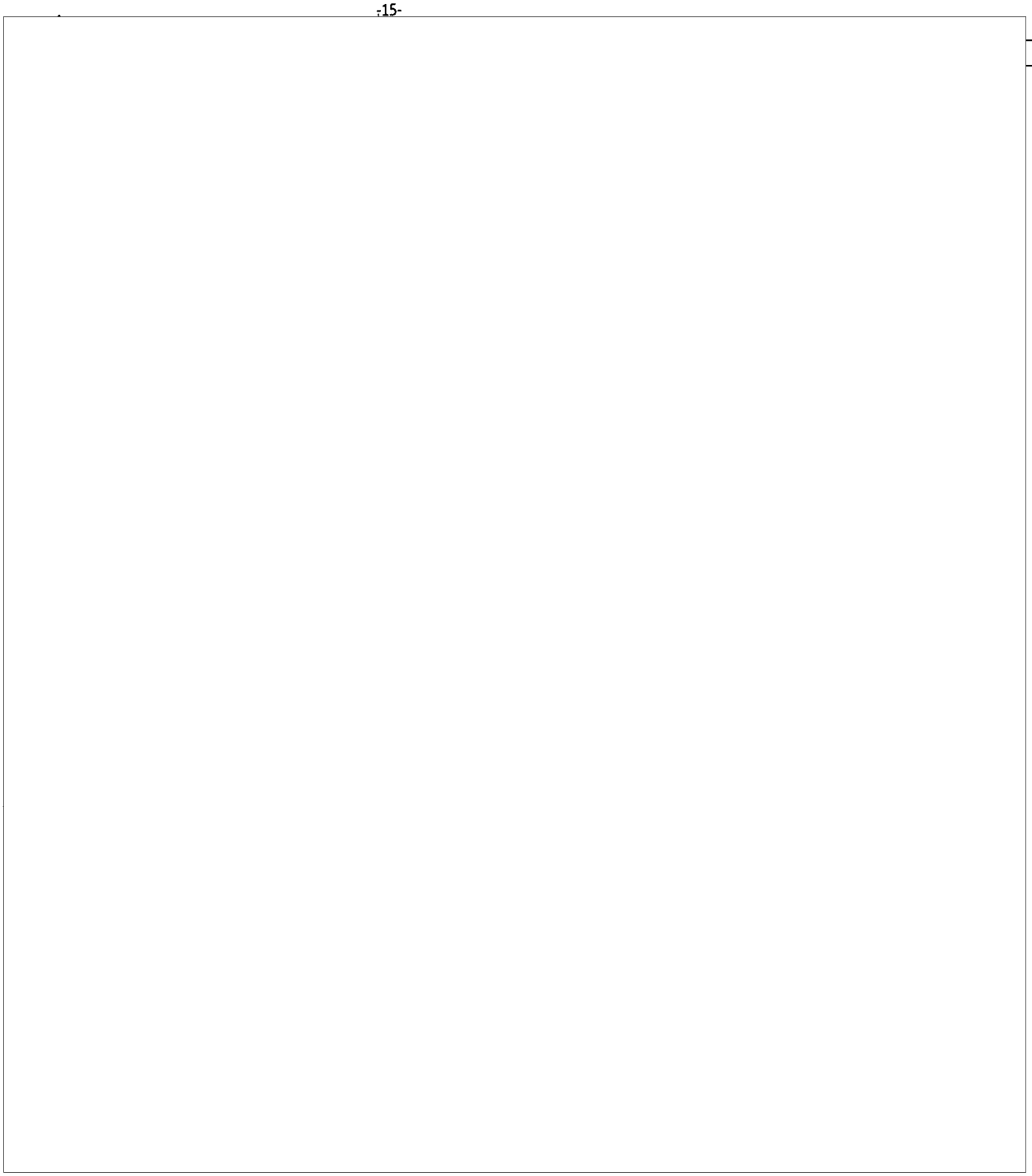
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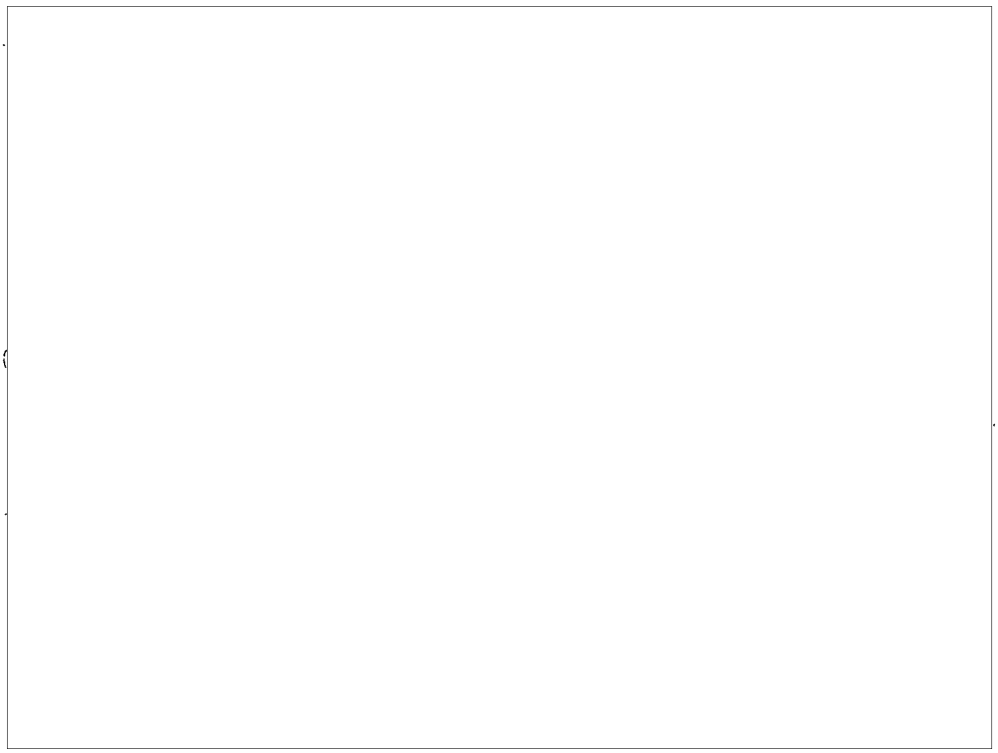


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Clear – do you have the text of the full speech?

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Colleagues,
Kindly request your quick clearance on the proposed PG below – much of the language is from earlier guidance.
Thank you – V/r,
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Subject: EAP Press Tasking - July 7 2017

Good morning EAP,

Below are today's press guidance taskers. This may be updated later.

Please **send us your final guidance by 10 a.m.**

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Courtesy of The Korea Herald

This is Cheong Wa Dae's unofficial translation of President Moon Jae-in's speech delivered Thursday at Berlin's Old City Hall upon the invitation of the Körber Foundation. -- Ed.

Respected German citizens,
My fellow countrymen at home,
Dr. Paulsen, member of the executive board of the Körber Foundation,
Mr. Modrow, former Prime Minister of East Germany,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
First of all, I would like to express my endless respect to Germany and the German people for overcoming the Cold War and its division, accomplishing unification, and with this strength, leading the integration of Europe and international peace.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Federal Government of Germany and the Körber Foundation for arranging this event today.

Moreover, I would like to extend my deepest condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family and the German people for the

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passing of the late Helmut Kohl, former Chancellor of Germany. The Republic of Korea will remember Chancellor Helmut Kohl's legacy of leading the unification of Germany and European integration through active and enthusiastic diplomacy despite the challenging environment of the Cold War.

Distinguished guests from home and abroad,

The Berlin in which we are here today is the very place where 17 years ago President Kim Dae-jung of the Republic of Korea introduced the "Berlin Doctrine" which laid out the foundation for reconciliation and cooperation between South and North Korea. Moreover, this Altes Stadhaus is a historic site where the German Unification Treaty was negotiated.

Today, at the very place where Berlin's lesson is still alive, I would like to outline the Korean Peninsula peace initiative of the new Korean Government.

Distinguished guests,

To Korea, which is the last divided nation on this planet, the experience of Germany's unification gives hope for unification, and at the same time shows us the path that we need to follow.

First and foremost, it is the importance of the process leading to unification. Germany's unification made us realize how important the process of peace and cooperation based on mutual respect really is. The German people made the decision of unification by themselves based on the trust that was built during this process.

The citizens of East and West Germany interacted and cooperated with each other in various areas, and the two Governments guaranteed this institutionally. Nonpolitical exchanges in the private sector unlatched the gate of political ideology and the people from East and West Germany started to open their hearts towards each other.

The fact that the Ostpolitik continued for twenty-some years is also an important point. The reason that a consistent policy was possible in spite of the change of governments is because it was supported by the people and was built upon the cooperation of the international community.

Germany understood that when a peaceful order is created in Europe, the unification of Germany would also be possible under that structure. By keeping pace with and at times persuading the international community, Germany was able to obtain strong security, and was assured support for inter-German relations.

The German unification process, which was initiated by Chancellor

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Willy Brandt, was completed under Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who was from a different political party. Likewise, I believe that for peace and common prosperity on the Korean Peninsula, there should be continued cooperation that transcends partisan lines.

Distinguished guests,

For the Korean people who long for peace and unification of the Korean Peninsula, Berlin is remembered together with the "Berlin Declaration" made by President Kim Dae-jung.

President Kim's Berlin Declaration led to the first inter-Korean Summit in 2000, and brought about the great transformation which enabled the South and the North, that had been in confrontation and conflict for more than six decades after the division and war, to enter into a path of reconciliation and cooperation.

Following this path, President Roh Moo-hyun set a new milestone for the development of inter-Korean relations and peace and prosperity through the second inter-Korean Summit in 2007.

President Kim Dae-jung and President Roh Moo-hyun also promoted international cooperation in order for peace to take root on the Korean Peninsula.

At the time, the Six-Party Talks adopted the Sept. 19 Joint Statement and the Feb. 13 Joint Statement that outlined the principles and direction for resolving the North Korean nuclear issue. There was also progress in North Korea-US relations and North Korea-Japan relations.

I am inheriting these two former government's efforts and, at the same time, with a more leading role by the Korean government, will embark on a dauntless journey towards establishing a peace regime on the Korean Peninsula.

Respected guests from home and abroad,

The biggest challenge that the Korean Peninsula is facing is the North Korean nuclear issue. North Korea is continuing its nuclear and missile provocations and is threatening the peace on the Korean Peninsula, Northeast Asia, and furthermore, world peace.

In particular, the missile provocation just two days ago was a very disappointing and a largely wrong decision.

It is not only a clear violation of UN Security Council resolutions, but is also an outright rejection of the repeated warnings by the international community. Above all, for my Government, which at long last had arranged a path towards dialogue through the recent ROK-US Summit,

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the level of regret is even deeper.

This choice by the North was reckless. It incurred punishment by the international community. It is testing my Government's commitment that if North Korea stops its provocative actions and shows its will towards denuclearization, my Government will lead the way in helping the North receive the international community's support and cooperation.

I hope that North Korea will not cross the bridge of no return. North Korea must give up its nuclear and missile development and find a way in which it can cooperate with the international community.

The complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is the agreed demand of the international community and is the absolute condition for peace on the Korean Peninsula. This means that the decision for denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is the only way North Korea will be guaranteed its security.

Therefore, I would like to emphasize that now is the last chance for North Korea to make the right decision and also the best time to do so. This is because we have reached the tipping point of the vicious circle of military escalation, and thus, the need for dialogue is more pressing than ever before.

It is also important to note that the basic conditions have been met to restart the Korean Peninsula Peace Process which had been halted.

Recently, Korea and the United States agreed on the overall direction that sanctions are a diplomatic tool and the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula should be achieved in a peaceful manner. Our two countries also made clear that we do not have a hostile policy towards North Korea. We affirmed that, together with the international community, we can provide a brighter future to North Korea, depending on its decision.

Korea and the United States also shared the view that in order to create a breakthrough of the current crisis on the Korean Peninsula, improvement in inter-Korean relations is vital. President Trump supported Korea's leading role in creating an environment conducive to the peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula, and also supported my initiative to reopen inter-Korean dialogue.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and I also reached a consensus on this matter.

For quite some time, I have argued that my country must sit in the driver's seat and lead Korean Peninsula-related issues based on cooperation with our neighbors. Now the conditions are finally being

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fostered.

It has also been repeatedly confirmed that if the right conditions are met, the United States, China, and the rest of the international community are keeping the door open for dialogue at any time.

Now we are left with North Korea to make its decision.

Whether it will come out to the forum for dialogue, or whether it will kick away this opportunity of dialogue that has been difficultly made, is only a decision that North Korea can make.

But if North Korea does not stop its nuclear provocations, there is no other choice but to further strengthen sanctions and pressure. Peace on the Korean Peninsula and North Korea's security will not be guaranteed.

I look forward to and urge North Korea to accept this commitment of my Government and the international community towards peace on the Korean Peninsula as a very significant and urgent signal.

Distinguished guests,

Now I would like to outline my Government's policy direction that will lead to dissolving the Cold War structure and establishing lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

First, what we are pursuing is only peace.

A peaceful Korean Peninsula is a peninsula free from the threat of nuclear weapons and war. It is a peninsula where the South and the North recognize and respect each other and live well together.

We already know the road that leads to a peaceful Korean Peninsula. It is returning to the June 15 Joint Declaration and the Oct. 4 Declaration.

Through these two declarations, the South and the North clearly stated that the owner of inter-Korean issues is our own nation, and committed to closely cooperate in easing tensions and guaranteeing peace on the Korean Peninsula. The two Koreas also promised to walk the path of common prosperity through cooperative projects in every sector of the society, including in the economic field.

This spirit of agreement that was made on the foundation of mutual respect between the South and the North is still valid. And it is also desperate. We must return to that spirit where the South and the North together worked towards realizing a peaceful peninsula.

I clearly state the following: we do not wish for North Korea's collapse,

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and will not work towards any kind of unification through absorption. Neither will we pursue an artificial unification.

Unification is a process where both sides seek coexistence and co-prosperity and restore its national community. When peace is established, unification will be realized naturally someday through the agreement between the South and the North. What my Government and I would like to realize is only peace.

Second, my Government will pursue the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula that guarantees the security of the North Korean regime.

Last April, rumors that we are on the brink of war swept over the Korean Peninsula and the entire world. The military tension around the Korean Peninsula is like a "powder keg" of the world.

We need to urgently ease the military tension on the Korean Peninsula. We need to rebuild the trust that has collapsed between the South and the North. In this regard, we will seek exchanges and dialogue. North Korea also needs to stop from any more nuclear provocations. We need to establish a military management system to prevent accidental clashes.

A more fundamental solution is to uproot the North Korean nuclear issue. The North Korean nuclear issue has become much more difficult to deal with than the past with the advancement of North Korea's nuclear arsenal. A step-by-step and comprehensive approach is required.

My Government, in cooperation with the international community, will work towards a comprehensive solution of the current issues on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia, including the complete dismantlement of North Korea's nuclear program and establishing a peace regime, easing North Korea's security and economic concerns, and improving North Korea-US and North Korea-Japan relations.

However, it takes two to tango. This is only possible when North Korea fully stops its nuclear provocations and comes out to the forum of bilateral and multilateral dialogue on denuclearization.

Third, my Government will work towards establishing a permanent peace regime.

The Korean Peninsula has been under an armistice for more than 60 years since 1953. Firm peace cannot be realized under an unstable armistice system. The invaluable agreements between the South and the North should not be shaken or broken every time there is a change of government.

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We need to institutionalize peace.

Domestically, my Government will work towards enacting into law the inter-Korean agreements. We will make it clear that all agreements between the South and the North are basic assets of the Korean Peninsula that should be inherited even when there is a change of government.

In order to establish a permanent peace structure on the Korean Peninsula, we need to conclude a peace treaty with the participation of relevant countries, and formally end the war. Through a comprehensive approach on the North Korean nuclear issue and establishing a peace regime on the Korean Peninsula, my Government will pursue the conclusion of a peace treaty along with complete denuclearization.

Fourth, my Government will work towards drawing a new economic map on the Korean Peninsula.

Economic cooperation where the South and the North prosper together is an important foundation of establishing peace on the Korean Peninsula.

I have planned a 'new economic map for the Korean Peninsula.' If there is progress in the North Korean nuclear issue and if appropriate conditions are met, my Government will draw a new economic map on the Korean Peninsula.

We will freshly connect the South and the North, where it has been disconnected by the military demarcation line, with an economic belt and establish an economic community where the two Koreas proper together.

The severed inter-Korean railway will be connected again. A train departing from Busan and Mokpo will run through Pyongyang and Beijing, and head towards Russia and Europe. Cooperation projects in Northeast Asia, such as the gas pipeline project connecting the two Koreas and Russia, may also be implemented.

South and North Korea will prosper together as a bridging country connecting the Asian mainland and the Pacific. The South and the North need only to implement the Oct. 4 Declaration together. Then the world will see a new economic model of an economy of peace and co-prosperity.

Fifth, my Government will consistently pursue nonpolitical exchange and cooperation projects by separating it from the political and military situation.

The exchange and cooperation projects between South and North

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Korea are the process of healing the wounds and realizing reconciliation among all members on the Korean Peninsula and also efforts towards building peace from within.

In both Koreas there are separated families who can no longer visit their hometown due to the division and war. It is truly an embarrassment for both governments of the South and the North for not being able to heal the scars for more than six decades.

Among the separated family members who have applied to the Korean Government to meet their families in the North, there are more than 60,000 people who are still alive and their average age is 81 years old. The situation in North Korea should be the same. We need to let them meet their families while they are still alive. This is a pressing humanitarian issue that needs be addressed in front of any political considerations.

Issues that the peoples of the South and the North suffer from due to the division need to be addressed by the authorities of the two Koreas.

When the rivers in North Korea overflow, the people in South Korea suffer from floods. Infectious diseases, forest pests, and forest fires do not observe the boundaries between the South and the North. My Government will work towards cooperation in which the South and the North jointly addresses these problems.

Exchanges among the private sector have contributed to easing tensions and restoring homogeneity between the two Koreas ahead of exchanges between the two governments. Expanding exchanges in the private sector is a valuable asset that can help untie the tight knot between the South and the North.

My Government will widely support exchanges of the private sector in various areas. We will also actively support exchanges among different regions.

The universal value and international norms of respecting human beings must be observed all around the Korean Peninsula.

My Government will join the international community in raising its clear voice against the poor human rights conditions that the North Korean people are living in. In addition, my Government will expand its humanitarian cooperation in a way that actually helps the North Korean people.

Distinguished guests,

My Government and I are ready to implement while holding firmly to these policy directions.

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The South and the North need to work hand-in-hand and make a breakthrough in realizing peace on the Korean Peninsula. I suggest to North Korea that we first start with what is easy.
First, let us solve the pressing humanitarian issue.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Oct. 4 Declaration. Also, Chusuk, which is one of our nation's greatest traditional holidays, falls on Oct. 4 this year.

In the Oct. 4 Declaration, the two Koreas agreed to expand the family reunions between the separated families and relatives.

If the family reunion event can be held on this day when these two meaningful anniversaries overlap, it will be a meaningful start respecting and observing the agreement already made between the South and the North.

If North Korea is ready to take one step further, I suggest that we also include visiting the ancestral graves for this year's family reunion event.

The separated family members of the divided Germany were allowed not only exchanges of letters and phone calls but even exchange of visits and migration. There is no reason why we cannot do the same. Before more members of separated families leave us behind, we must wipe their tears. If North Korea is not ready immediately, our side will allow and open North Korean separated family members to visit their hometown and ancestral graves in the South. I look forward to North Korea's positive response, and hope that South-North Korean Red Cross talks will be held to discuss the reunion of separated family members.

Second, let us make the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics an 'Olympic of Peace' with the participation of the North.

In Feb. 2018, the Winter Olympics will be held in Pyeonchang, Korea, which is only 100 km away from the military demarcation line. Two years later in 2020, the Summer Olympics will be held in Tokyo, and in 2022, the Winter Olympics will be held in Beijing.

My Government would like to suggest to North Korea to utilize these series of precious events held in Asia as an opportunity for building peace on the Korean Peninsula, in Northeast Asia, and the world.

Sports have the power of connecting one heart to another.

When athletes from South and North Korea, and from the rest of the world, sweat and compete against each other, offer a hand to fellow athletes who have fallen down, and embrace each other, the world will witness peace through the Olympic games.

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I look forward to opening together a new era of peace on the Korean Peninsula while applauding together with the leaders of the world. As the IOC has promised its cooperation on the participation of North Korea in the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, I look forward to North Korea's active and positive response.

Third, let us mutually halt acts of hostility around the Military Demarcation Line (MDL).

Even at this moment, a war without gunfire continues along the MDL on the Korean Peninsula. The escalation of military tension between the two militaries remains unchanged. This situation increases the danger of armed conflict between the South and the North and threatens the safety of the people who are living in the areas nearby on both sides.

July 27 this year marks the 64th anniversary of the Armistice Agreement. If the two Koreas, starting this day, stop all acts of hostility that escalate military tension on the MDL, it will provide a meaningful opportunity to ease tensions between the two Koreas.

Fourth, inter-Korean dialogue is necessary for peace on the Korean Peninsula and South-North cooperation.

Easing tension on the Korean Peninsula is the most urgent issue between the South and the North. The current situation where there is no contact between the relevant authorities of the South and the North is highly dangerous. We need to start with contacts to manage the situation and move on to meaningful dialogue.

I am ready to meet with Chairman Kim Jong-un of North Korea at any time at any place, if the conditions are met and if it will provide an opportunity to transform the tension and confrontation on the Korean Peninsula. We can place on the dialogue table all issues of interest between the South and the North, including the nuclear issue and the peace treaty, and discuss peace on the Korean Peninsula and inter-Korean cooperation.

It will not be solved with only one attempt. However, making a start is important. One can take a step forward only after rising up from one's seat. I look forward to North Korea's decision.

Respected guests from home and abroad,

Germany overcame the Cold War and achieved unification before Korea, but it is now facing other challenges against peace, such as regionalism, terrorism, and refugees.

I believe that Germany, through the spirit of democracy and peaceful

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coexistence of Berlin, will overcome these new challenges and complete the integration of the German society and Europe.

The Republic of Korea will also surely realize a peaceful Korean Peninsula through the power of its mature democracy. We will complete in Seoul and Pyongyang the dismantlement of the Cold War which started in Berlin. Furthermore, we will spread a new vision of peace to Northeast Asia and the rest of the world.

Germany and Korea will not stop its march towards peace. Our two countries will always support, cheer, and be in solidarity with each other. Let us firmly walk together towards a better life for mankind and a brighter future for the world.

Thank you.

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To: Anthony Ruggiero
Subject: Re: North Korea's ICBM Test

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Thanks AR. Will read with interest.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 2:55 PM, Anthony Ruggiero [redacted] wrote: B6

Hi,

Hope everyone enjoyed the July 4th holiday! I have two OpEds out today on North Korea.

- In Politico Magazine: "Time for Trump to Get Tough on China" (http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/07/06/donald-trump-china-north-korea-215343) I note that from 2009-2016 North Korea has used the Chinese banking system to process at least $296 million through the U.S. financial system and argue for additional sanctions on China.
- In The Hill: "The danger of North Korea and Iran — and how Trump should tackle it" (http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/foreign-policy/340832-the-great-danger-of-north-korea-and-iran-and-what-trump-can) I (with Behnam Ben Taleblu) review the North Korea-Iran missile relationship.

Best,
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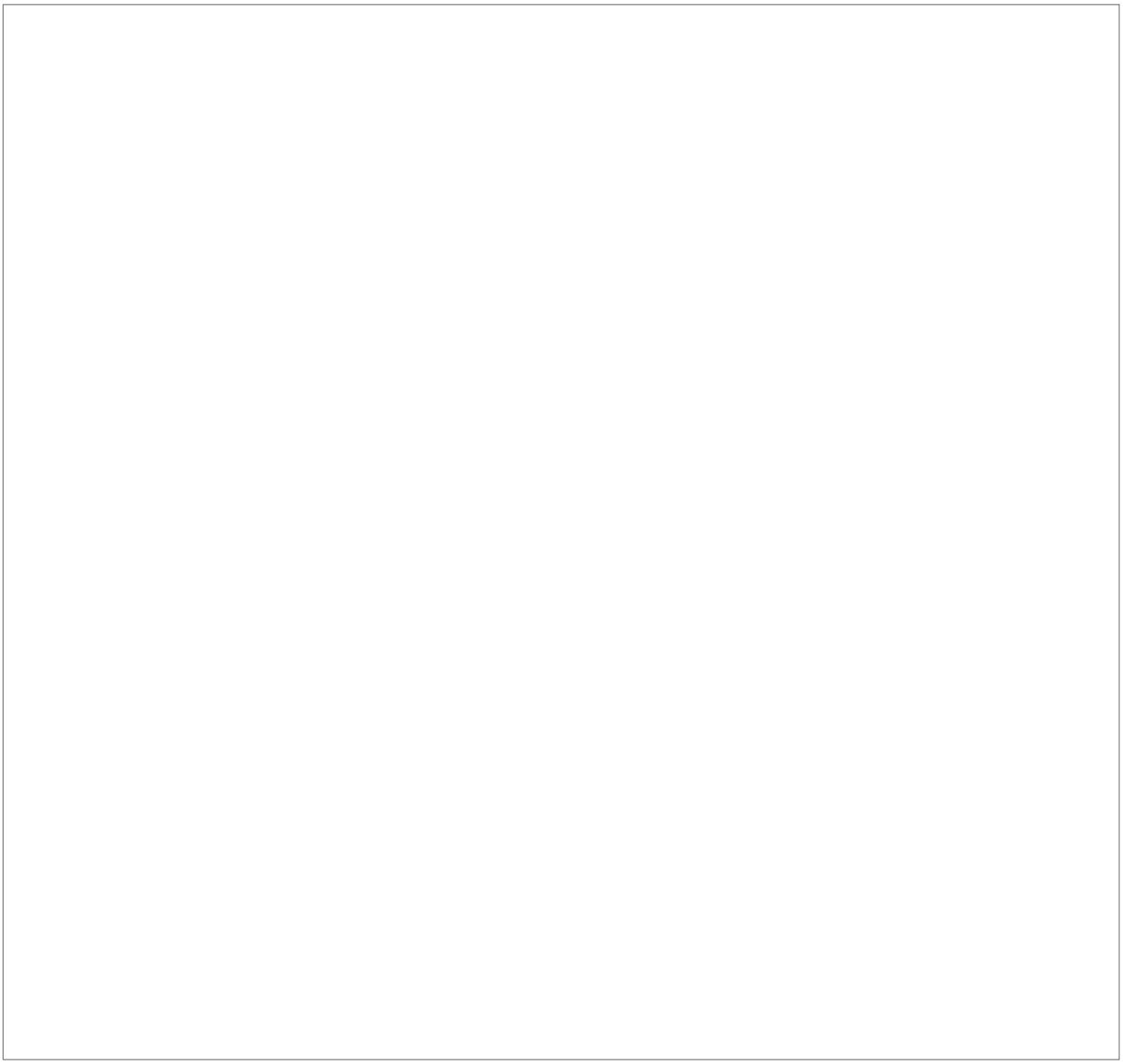
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India gets G20 praise on startup funding, derivative reforms

The Hindu, PTI :Modi government has said it wants India to be ranked in the top-50 nations in terms of ease of doing business.Acknowledging steps being taken by India for sustainable and inclusive growth as well as support to global economy, the G20 has praised the initiatives in the country for promoting ease of doing business, startup funding and labour reforms. In its Hamburg Action Plan, adopted at the G20 Summit of leaders from the world's 20 largest economies, the group also noted that "in the financial sector, India is popularising a number of derivative instruments in exchanges or electronic trading platforms" as part of measures to enhance resilience of its economy. It further said India is facilitating external commercial borrowings (ECBs) by startups in order to encourage innovation and promote ease of doing business, as part of the efforts being taken by the G20 members this year for maintaining momentum on structural reforms and sustainable growth. On steps being taken by G20 countries for promoting inclusive growth this year, the Action Plan said India is introducing labour market reforms to provide security to workers, increase female participation in the workforce and make doing business easier in the country. The acknowledgement from the G20 Summit, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi among other world leaders, assumes significance in the wake of India trying hard to improve its global ranking for ease of doing business. The World Bank ranked the country at a low 130th position last year, an improvement of just one position from the previous year. The Modi government has said it wants India to be ranked in the top-50 nations in terms of ease of doing business. The next update to the ranking is expected later this year. The areas where India ranks poorly as per the World Bank ranking include starting a business, dealing with construction permits, registering property, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency. The country has implemented a spate of reforms in the recent months in areas like insolvency, taxation and starting a business and expects the rankings to improve substantially. The acknowledgement of various reform measures by G20, whose members include 19 countries and the European Union, has come as the latest boost to hopes for better ranking for India in terms of ease of doing business. Global institutions like the World Bank, IMF, WTO, OECD, ILO, WHO and the Financial Stability Board (FSB) are among the partners to the G20. G20 member countries include the US, UK, Germany, India, Australia, Japan, Russia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Indonesia, Italy, South Korea, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Turkey. The G20 Hamburg Action Plan, which sets out the group's strategy for achieving strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth, also said that the closer partnership and action by G20 members will boost confidence and contribute to shared prosperity. It said the Action Plan has been developed against a backdrop of improving growth and job prospects. "The global economic recovery is progressing and gaining momentum. Investment has picked up, and trade and manufacturing are showing signs of recovery. However, the pace of this growth is still weaker than desirable, and downside risks remain. "Weak productivity growth, income inequality and ageing populations represent challenges to growth in the longer term," the G20 Action Plan noted. It included new policy actions to tackle challenges in economies, focusing on initiatives that foster inclusive growth, enhancing resilience and further the G20 efforts to implement structural reforms. In the action plan, the G20 members resolved that they will continue to use all policy tools — monetary, fiscal and structural — individually and collectively to achieve the goal of strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth, while enhancing economic and financial resilience. The members committed to use their fiscal position flexibly and in growth-friendly way to prioritise high-quality investment, and support reforms, while ensuring debt as a share of GDP is on a sustainable path. They also reinforced their commitment to structural reform and acknowledged

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that excess volatility and disorderly movements in exchange rates can have adverse implications for economic and financial stability. The G20 leaders also committed to refrain from competitive devaluations and said they will not target their exchange rates for competitive purposes. The Action Plan also outlined new actions to tackle the issues of beneficial ownership, correspondent banking and remittances, anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism, fossil fuel subsidies and data gaps. The G20 leaders said their growth strategies — individually and collectively — will boost global growth, including an increase of an additional 2 per cent for the G20 collective GDP by the next year. The 13-page action plan took note of various steps being taken by the member countries including on monetary policy and enhancing resilience of the respective economies. It also said China is improving its business environment and utilising foreign investment actively, while the European Union is fostering investment with a proposal to extend the European Investment Plan and increasing the overall flexibility of the EU budget to support job creation, investment and economic growth On promoting inclusive growth, the Action Plan noted that the inequality within many countries had increased until the mid-2000s and the member countries are introducing further measures this year to promote inclusive growth and raise the living standards of all their citizens. It also said that the malicious use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) could disrupt financial services crucial to both national and international financial systems, undermine security and confidence and endanger financial stability. On taxation, it said the G20 will continue to work for a globally fair and modern international tax system and welcome international cooperation on pro-growth tax policies. It also called on all jurisdictions to sign and ratify the multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters. Terming the multilateral convention as an important tool in fight against corruption, tax evasion, terrorist financing and money laundering, the G20 said it will advance the effective implementation of the international standards on transparency and beneficial ownership of legal persons and legal arrangements.

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'Third country's' Army could enter Kashmir on behalf of Pakistan: Chinese media

The Economic Times, PTI : A "third country's" Army could enter Kashmir at Pakistan's request, using the "same logic" the Indian Armyused to stop the Chinese military from constructing a road in the Doklam area in the Sikkim sector on behalf of Bhutan, an analyst at a Chinese think tank said. "Even if India were requested to defend Bhutan's territory, this could only be limited to its established territory, not the disputed area," Long Xingchun, Director at the Centre for Indian Studies at ChinaWest Normal University, said in the article he wrote in the Global Times. "Otherwise, under India's logic, if the Pakistani government requests, a third country's Army can enter the area disputed by India and Pakistan, including India-controlled Kashmir," the article said. The Chinese state media have carried a barrage of critical articles on the Doklam standoff criticising India, but this was the first time Pakistan and Kashmir have been brought into the narrative. "Indian troops invaded China's Doklam area in the name of helping Bhutan, but in fact the invasion was intended to help India by making use of Bhutan," it said, referring to the June 30 statement issued by India's External Affairs Ministry. China and India have been engaged in a standoff in the Doklam area near the Bhutan tri-junction for the past three weeks after a Chinese Army's construction party attempted to build a road. Doka La is the Indian name for the region which Bhutan recognises as Doklam, while China claims it as part of its Donglang region. Of the 3,488-km-long India-China border from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh, a 220-km section falls in Sikkim. "For a long time, India has been talking about international equality and non-interference in the internal affairs of others, but it has pursued hegemonic diplomacy in South Asia, seriously violating the UN Charter and undermining the basic norms of international relations," it said. "Through mass immigration to Sikkim, ultimately

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leading to control of the Sikkim parliament, India annexed Sikkim as one of its states," it alleged. "This incursion reflects that India fears China can quickly separate mainland India from northeast India through military means, dividing India into two pieces," it said. "In this case, northeast India might take the opportunity to become independent. India has interpreted China's infrastructure construction in Tibet as having a geopolitical intention against India. India itself is unable to do the same for its northeastern part, so it is trying to stop China's road construction," it said. "India's incursion, based on its own strategic judgment, is a clear violation of international law," the article said, claiming that the western countries will not unconditionally support India as they have a wide range of "common interests" with China. "As for the territorial dispute between China and Bhutan, it should be resolved by both sides and India must respect Bhutan's sovereignty," it said. "China can show the region and the international community or even the UN Security Council its evidence to illustrate China's position. It highlights China's sincerity and effort to maintain peace as a responsible big power. It will never resort to force till it is the last choice," it said. Another article in the same daily said India must desist using the "Dalai Lama card" and mess up relations with China. Referring to reports that the "Tibetan national flag," a pro-independence symbol adopted by the Tibetan government-in- exile, was unfurled on the shores of Bangong Lake, known as Pangong Tso Lake in India's in Ladakh region, the article said the timing on the incident coincided with the standoff between the two militaries in Doklam area and whether Indian authorities instigated the political activity of Tibetan separatists to exert pressure on China "The lake sits astride India and China, with the Line of Actual Control passing through it. It's the first time the Tibetan exile administration in northern India has flown the flag at this location," it said. "The timing of the flag-hoisting on Indian territory has sparked wide speculation over whether the Indian authorities instigated the political activity of Tibetan separatists to exert pressure on China. Although the involvement of New Delhi remains unclear, we hope they did not send any signal of approval," it said. "New Delhi publicly promises not to allow any anti-China political activities by Tibetan exiles on Indian territory. But it has long used the Tibet question as a diplomatic card in dealing with Beijing," it said. "When the Indian government attaches great importance to its relationship with China, it keeps a tight grip on anti-China political activities on its soil. However, when it is dissatisfied or has conflicts with Beijing, the Tibet card is played up. But India may overestimate the influence of Tibetan exiles," it said. "With the rise of China and as Tibet becomes better off, Tibetan independence runs counter to the will of Tibetans. The space for Tibetan separatists has been largely squeezed as more Western countries have snubbed the Dalai Lama. The Tibet card is gradually losing its value," it said. "If New Delhi is pulling the strings of the Tibetan exiles' political act of flag-hoisting, it will only have burned itself. Both border issues and the Tibet question concern China's core interests and China won't yield to provocations," it said. Given the ongoing border spat, Indian should "act prudently" to avoid escalating tensions, it said.

Chinese expert warns of troops entering Kashmir

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From war with China possibility to new strategic vision of PM Narendra Modi for India, Meghnad Desai explains a new reality

The Financial Express, Bureau :Noted economist Meghnad Desai on Sunday authored an article in The Indian Express and opined that a nation should first secure its own borders before lecturing its neighbours. In clinching remarks on country's foreign policy, Desai wrote, "a country cannot conduct its foreign policy on abstract principles and grandstand, lecturing other countries about morality. It has to first secure the borders and equip the nation against invasion or incursion by other countries." Desai's article, titled as "Out of my mind: Will it be war?" churned out the possibilities of a war with China, vis-a-vis chances of India's alignment with US,

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if the latter decides to go on against North Korea. He writes that PM Narendra Modi's cemented relations with Israel are a signal to new vision of India's global concerns to secure defence technology. Desai pointed out that none of India's Non-Aligned movement had come forward to help at the time 1962 Sino-India war. He notes that, while the cold war had ended a decade ago, echoes of a revival of the India-China conflict are being heard in recent times. Terming China as the 'real threat', Desai reminds that Beijing has never agreed to the borders which the British had determined a century and more ago. He adds that while India is ready for any threat from Pakistan, the nation has to chalk out a proper strategy for China. The noted author reminds that despite the bravery of the soldiers, India was badly humiliated by China in 1962. Desai predicts that a war with China has the potential to change the political situation fundamentally. "This time around India has to succeed in repelling the Chinese incursion and do it convincingly," he writes.

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China trying to re-draw all the lines it had co-drawn with New Delhi earlier

The Economic Times, Pranab Dhal Samanta :Doklam isn't the first India-China military face-off on the unsettled boundary, and is unlikely to be the last. But what's strikingly different this time is the aggressive Chinese effort to shape the narrative, if not own it — a behaviour way different from the usual strategy of cloaking intent and encouraging speculation. After all, when was the last time you had the political counsellor of the Chinese embassy in India put out an on-the-record video detailing their perspective on the ground situation in Doklam? Or, for that matter, China being candid enough to confirm that Kailash yatris had been stopped through the Nathu La route as a consequence of this stand-off ? Once They've the Answers...This change is instructive because the usual Chinese way would have been to just go quiet and let the Indians figure out for themselves what was on Beijing's mind when it blocked off two batches of Kailash pilgrims. A cottage industry of China watchers has flourished in India over many decades, earning their spurs on doing exactly this kind of deciphering and decoding. But, perhaps, for the first time, we have an in-your-face face-off where the central purpose, at least on the Chinese side, is to both loudly and effectively assert a new position, a new line that emphasises the start of a new normal. And, admittedly, that's a response to the way India has also shifted gears, being more vocal with its concerns on Chinese support to Pakistan, its rejection of the One Belt, One Road initiative and blocking terror designations at the UN.So, surely, the new normal has been in the making for a while but the Doklam stand-off provides that definitive Chinese twist, because embedded in this one move are many reversals and achallenge. Let's consider. First, it brings to question the validity of understandings reached through the Special Representative mechanism on resolving the boundary issue, set up in 2003 when former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee visited China. In 2012, the SRs had agreed that the boundary settlement on Bhutan trijunction would be done through consultation among all three parties. India now feels that by framing this as an issue between China and Bhutan, where Indian troops have barged in without any locus standi, Beijing has directly questioned the sanctity of the politically mandated high-level SR process. Second, it raises uncertainty on China's continuing recognition of Sikkim being part of India, a step again firmed up in Vajpayee's 2003 visit. Beijing has created this doubt through its claims that the India-China boundary on the Sikkim section was settled when China recognised Sikkim as part of India. New Delhi says the recognition in no way meant that the state's boundary with China was settled and that the entire border still remains disputed. Politically, this is a new articulation from China that has created doubts on whether the way is being paved for retracting from the 2003 understanding. Third, the decision to open Nathu La for Kailash pilgrims was a significant confidence building measure achieved during Chinese President Xi Jinping's first visit to India after Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power. In many ways, it symbolises a Modi-Xi friendship moment. But now that stands suspended at

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Chinese behest. A continuation of this suspension or a formal reversal of the decision may end up conveying a sense of distrust at the leadership level, which will require fresh attention. ...Change the QuestionsAlong with these potential reversals is also a Chinese challenge on India's special relationship with Bhutan, which includes a historical security understanding that New Delhi is bounden to honour. By raising the sovereignty question here, China has signalled that it wants to change this status quo, especially on the boundary question involving India and Bhutan. The Doklam situation, in other words, unsettles key fundamentals like the SR mechanism, the status of Sikkim, the Modi-Xi equation and, of course, India's very special strategic relationship with Bhutan. Which is why the face-off, even if it's managed now, will still strengthen the flavour of mutual distrust. In one of his recent meetings with the Chinese president, the PM had told him that both sides should not allow differences to become disputes. Clearly, the gap has still not closed, also because both leaders lead very nationalist polities today. Neither side can afford to appear losing ground, let alone make strategic concessions. So, retracting from past commitments, or reading different meanings into them, will indeed untie old knots that held many contradictions together. The challenge for New Delhi and Beijing is to examine whether this will allow them to knit a new weave at the earliest, say, a different story, even if less ambitious. Rajiv Gandhi in 1989 got the first joint mechanism on the boundary that went defunct in over a decade. Then, in 2003, Vajpayee's visit to China yielded the NSA-level SR-mechanism that is now under some stress. Is there now a need for fresh political direction, a new concord suited to present times? This question needs examination because what's important to note is that with the start of a new normal, there also should begin the search for a new equilibrium. Eventually, that's what distinguishes big, responsible powers from adventurous ones, where realignment of status quo is ultimately the function of politics, not the military.

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India has exposed itself to Beijing's interference in J-K by sending troops to Donglang: Chinese state media

Hindustan Times, Sutirtho Patranobis :India has exposed itself to China's interference in Jammu & Kashmir by sending Indian troops to disrupt Chinese soldiers from building a road in the Donglang region, the state media said on Sunday. If Pakistan requests, "a third country" can dispatch soldiers to the Valley, said an article in the nationalist tabloid Global Times, adding that Indian soldiers "invaded" China's Donglang (or Doklam) to serve India's interests, not Bhutan's. "Even if India were requested to defend Bhutan's territory, this could only be limited to its established territory, not the disputed area. Otherwise, under India's logic, if the Pakistani government requests, a third country's army can enter the area disputed by India and Pakistan, including India-controlled Kashmir," said the article written by Long Xingchun, director of the Centre for Indian Studies at China West Normal University. Indian and Chinese border troops are locked in a standoff in the Donglang region, near the Sikkim border, which is controlled by China but is also claimed by Bhutan. Interestingly, China has repeatedly said that Donglang is part of its territory since "ancient times"; it's for the first time that a Chinese academic said it is actually "disputed". "Indian troops invaded China's Doklam area in the name of helping Bhutan, but in fact the invasion was intended to help India by making use of Bhutan," Long wrote. "India controls Bhutan's defence and diplomacy, seriously violating Bhutan's sovereignty and national interests. Indians have migrated in large numbers to Nepal and Bhutan, interfering with Nepal's internal affairs. The first challenge for Nepal and Bhutan is to avoid becoming a state of India, like Sikkim," the article added. Long wrote about India's "hegemonic diplomacy" in south Asia and claimed New Delhi's policies have violated international laws and norms. "For a long time, India has been talking about international equality and non-interference in the internal affairs of others, but it has pursued hegemonic diplomacy in South Asia, seriously violating the UN Charter and undermining the basic norms of international relations," he wrote. "Through mass immigration to Sikkim, ultimately leading to control of the Sikkim parliament, India annexed

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Sikkim as one of its states," the article said. Referring to the Siliguri Corridor that connects mainland India to the states in the northeast, the article said it was New Delhi's concerns about the geographical connection that triggered the standoff. "This incursion reflects that India fears China can quickly separate mainland India from northeast India through military means, dividing India into two pieces. In this case, northeast India might take the opportunity to become independent," the article said. It added: "India has interpreted China's infrastructure construction in Tibet as having a geopolitical intention against India. India itself is unable to do the same for its northeastern part, so it is trying to stop China's road construction."

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Stand-off with China back in focus after PM Modi's return from foreign trip

Mint, Mayank Aggarwal :All eyes are now on India's ongoing face-off with China with Prime Minister Narendra Modi back home after a visit to Israel and the G-20 summit in Germany."The Israel visit was of course historic as no Indian PM had ever visited the country. India also moves in a strategic space with Israel with agreements on sharing of latest technologies and innovation in fields of agriculture and water. G-20 is of course different and has different issues. But India managed to register its issues with a separate statement on terrorism," said former diplomat Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, who is also a distinguished fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, a think tank. Last week, Modi undertook a historic visit to Israel on Tuesday—the first by an Indian Prime Minister—and the two nations elevated their ties to a strategic partnership. The two countries agreed to boost trade from the current $5 billion a year to $20 billion annually in the next five years. The chemistry between Modi and Israel's PM Benjamin Netanyahu added to the attention the visit garnered. Former foreign secretary of India Lalit Mansingh said, "In Israel, India's concerns about international terrorism and security situation were discussed. With Israel, we are now entering into a new period of strategic partnership with focus on agriculture and water. That is a very special relationship," he said. In Germany, at the G-20 meeting, Modi met Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Brics (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) leaders' informal gathering hosted by China. But there has been no official word on whether the two had any discussion about the border stand-off. The two leaders "had a conversation on a range of issues", Indian foreign ministry spokesman Gopal Baglay tweeted. "It (the stand-off) doesn't appear to be big but it has to be also looked in the context of Chinese domestic politics," Chakravarty said. Mansingh said he doesn't think the situation has gone out of hand. "We don't know what was discussed between PM Modi and Xi Jinping. No announcement has been made but one presumes that they would have referred to the situation. We don't know what behind the scenes discussions are taking place. I don't think it is going to lead to conflict. We have faced such situations in the past. It's an understated border. In this case, the thing is that it involves Bhutan and we are fulfilling our treaty obligations with Bhutan and defending its interests. It simply is a complicated situation. I don't think it has gone out of hand," Mansingh said. The experts' view about the stand-off not going out of hand finds support in the official Indian statement that India issued at the Brics meeting at Hamburg, praising China. According to the statement, Modi appreciated the "momentum in BRICS under the chairmanship of Chinese President Xi and extended full cooperation and best wishes for the BRICS Xiamen Summit." The 9th Brics summit is scheduled to be held in the Chinese city of Xiamen in September.

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China is seen as more innovative in IT than India: Soumitra Dutta

The Hindu, Vikas Dhoot :China doesn't have a TCS, but it has a Tencent and Alibaba which are more dominant and valuable in the futureA 7% growth rate is not good enough for India and its

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IT industry has missed the bus on innovation by sticking to a template that worked 25 years ago, believes economist Soumitra Dutta who co-authors the World Economic Forum's annual Global Information Technology report. Layoffs and adjustments to tumult in its largest market – the U.S. — are transient factors and the real worry is that China is seen as more innovative now than India in the IT space, said Mr. Dutta, who is the dean of Cornell SC Johnson College of Business. Edited excerpts from an interview with The Hindu: Are Indian student applications falling in U.S. universities under the Donald Trump administration? Generally, foreign student applications are down this year. This is across the U.S. due to uncertainty about the visa and work situation after studies. Canada is being very aggressive to bring in foreign students and it's also a very attractive country to go to. In the short-term, some negative impact is happening. But more worrying is the potential cuts the Donald Trump administration is making in research areas, because as grants go down, it affects output. And that's the part that really worries me in the university much more. There is also a concern about the environment on campuses as people are much more divided in terms of political views, but I am more concerned about the possible loss of R&D funding with many key research programs losing out. A lot of the funding for climate change will disappear. If you remove the intellectual horsepower that feeds the universities, that hurts more than losing student applications. What are your views on the Indian IT industry's current woes? I think the traditional Indian IT players will have to restructure their business model and hire more people in the U.S. The costs will go up, so they will have to think about what that means for the employee balance across countries and the cost structures. That will of course, have a short-term effect on margins and they will have to look for new markets. A bigger issue that I see with the Indian IT sector is it was very innovative 25 years ago. There hasn't really been another big innovation in the IT sector. They have been following the same template for too long. As a result, you don't have an Indian Microsoft or an Indian Alibaba. And that's the problem. The product investment is not there, nor is the consumer Internet boom. So in some sense, the Indian IT industry hasn't innovated in the last 15 years enough. China doesn't have a TCS, but it has a Tencent and Alibaba which are more dominant and valuable in the future. China has succeeded in skipping a generation altogether and they got leadership in the next generation. Today, if you ask the question is China more innovative in the IT industry than India, people would probably say yes. The answer wouldn't have been the same 15 years ago. So India has lost the leadership of the IT industry in many ways. So do you see the current spate of layoffs in the sector as an outcome of redundant skill sets? The Indian IT sector layoffs are, in my view, just a temporary balancing of the workforce. All companies go through this... The basic model of the IT industry is still stable and there's enough business. They might have lower margins and lesser people. They are not going to go out of business, they will adjust a bit. There will be healthy companies like TCS and Wipro. But they are not going to be the next generation companies and they will never be. TCS, Infosys or Wipro will never be the next Alibaba. And that's a problem. The next generation of IT companies are coming from the U.S. and China, not India. If you look at the market capitalization of top 10 tech companies in the world, Alibaba and Tencent are No. 9 and No. 10. And the top five are big U.S. companies. So India, despite having all the lead in IT, doesn't have an entry in that. That is not easy problem to fix. Because you miss a generation, it takes 15 years to catch up. Any attempt for India to make a bid for that will require us to think about what's the next big leap and be able to make that generational leap. Because 20 years ago, there was no vision of Alibaba or Tencent. But some people in China made that leap and got lucky. We need someone out here to think about what will happen 15 years from now. That is a big question mark. Because what we have right now in India is essentially copies of American businesses like Amazon or eBay. There's no real innovation happening in the internet space. What's your view on India's growth slipping to 6.1% in the last quarter of 2016-17? The slight dip is not what worries me. What worries me is the overall number. I think 6% or 7% growth is not enough for India. Any country that has become an emerging global power needs to have 10-20 years of 10% growth. We are nowhere near that.

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Brazil at some point had 10% growth for 15 years. China had it for 20 years. India's never actually had that. What worries me is will we actually hit 8%, 9% or 10% and will we be able to sustain it over 10 or 15 years. I am keeping my fingers crossed that the government's focus on building institutions will lead to long-term results. So I am not too concerned with the short-term dip which might be because of demonetisation and whatever other reasons. I am more concerned about can we move from 7% to 9%. Because at 6% or 7%, you are not really making a dent on the poverty reduction front, at least not fast enough. If you want to make it fast enough, we need to move at a different pace. We shouldn't forget that India's economy is still quite small with a very low per capita income. The U.S. economy is roughly 16-17 trillion dollars, China is about 10-11 trillion dollars, India is around two (trillion). And India's nominal GDP per capita is still very low. From a foreign investors' lens, if a government with such a majority cannot address the tough structural reforms such as in factor markets like land and labour, is there a concern that India's potential will remain untapped? Now what the Prime Minister has really done is consolidated the BJP's power at both the national and State level. In many ways, that was an important foundation to be laid. Hopefully, that will lead to faster and more effective action going forward. I think people and business like stability more than anything else. Emerging markets have a problem as they usually don't have stability. That's what people hate about emerging markets. So the fact that the same party now controls the Centre and a large part of the States gives a sense of stability to the foreign investor and businesses. That is important as once you have confidence and stability, people take the right decisions or at least more encouraged to take the hard decisions. Would now be a good time to take up land acquisition reforms, for instance? I think so. There will always be some changes that are hard to do because of politics and democratic systems. There's always a cost of change. But I think if we can still do a lot to simplify things and focus on health, education and infrastructure, it will help. There's a lot of low-hanging fruit in India. It's good to have analysis and new ideas, but I think the problem in India is less about ideas and more with execution. I do believe that government's focus on stability and a sense of calmness and focused discipline on execution is critical. It's very hard to govern a large and diverse country like India. It's a significant achievement just to provide a sense of stability, direction and some positive confidence. How do you see business education evolving? Will we see more consilience being weaved into what one traditionally learnt at B-schools? I am also the chair of the AACSB, the global body for business schools' accreditation. We went through a vision exercise recently and two themes came out strongly. The future would be about making connections between disciplines like engineering and business, health and business and so on and secondly, the connection with industry. The second theme was disruption. There was a strong feeling that the way we have done business education in the past will not be the same going forward. We will have to rethink business education for the future. There's no clear model but the field is ready for disruption and you can see that already with the traditional MBA market stagnating to some degree. We see some of the weaker players dropping out, some schools are stopping their MBA programmes. There's a feeling that what got us here will not get us through the next 50 years. The government has granted tax sops and other perks for startups but bureaucrats sit and decide which Startups deserve them. Do you feel this approach could work?If you actually look at the venture capital investments into India, it's quite good. Remember that many of the investments in China happen through Hong Kong or elsewhere. India is pretty high among most metrics in terms of investor money coming in. It is an entrepreneurial country with lots of opportunities so people want to invest in India and we expect it to continue in the future. Now the question is what is the best way to do it. What's the role of the government in the process? That's a very important issue as the government has an important role to play, but it shouldn't be controlling every single element of the process in the cycle. I can give you two examples – even in a country like America, the government is extremely active in supporting R&D (research and development) through research and university grants. The government also picks a direction to invest more in, such as the human genome project that was

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picked some time ago. Now there's interest in the brain... so the overarching fundamental domains the government can direct. The other example is Israel – where the government directed the VC part of it and a lot of the VC investments were started by it but then they moved into the private sector in a structured and rapid manner. Today, Israel's VC sector is very strong in the private hands although it started under government control. So even in India, the government's role is important – at the same time, the government also has to know when to get out. It's like giving birth to a child. You have to take care of it but also know when to set her or him free. If you don't get the freedom, you create a stunted adult. That's the challenge for governments and bureaucrats. Having a market element is critical in the decisions that are made, as without that, you could run up huge losses and sometimes that happens. The Planning Comission was replaced by the Niti Aayog. Do you feel its role has become clear yet?I think Niti Aayog is a cross between a think tank and some execution (powers). The Planning Commission didn't have execution powers. How much it will succeed in that remains to be seen. The jury's still out on whether the modified version will work. As a think tank it has a lot of interesting ideas, now the question is how much of execution does it directly own and how much it partners. It might actually work if they don't try to own everything in the execution and find the right partners, else it might get bottle-necked. So far, what I have seen is they are doing it smartly and not getting stuck in doing everything themselves. You have worked a lot on how businesses can leverage social media, but we are also seeing this becoming a new political force in the US and India.Yes, we are seeing President Trump use it in a way that is completely disruptive. No one remembers Hillary Clinton's tweets, for example. But everyone remembers Trump's tweets. Now you might say he can't spell properly or his tweets are crazy, but people remember it. The question is the way he used social media was disruptive, given the way people were using it before. People are living in micro-worlds, so in the small micro-world you choose to live in, you keep reinforcing whatever bias you have and you keep listening to other people with the same biased views. Unlike what we thought would bring a wide variety of opinions, the reverse is happening and people are going to smaller cocoons and they are getting the same biased view. So this is a challenge for mainstream media as people are able to select a biased view and that is a challenge for society, governments and media. The French president Macron's win is even more dramatic than Trump and Obama, as both of them used their party's existing machinery to get elected. Macron didn't use either one, which is remarkable. It will keep playing out the question is if it will be in a positive or negative way. It's a challenge today and fake news is a good example. How do you fact check what you read online? It's a big issue.

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Dunhuang has lot to offer as sister city

The Times of India, Prasad Joshi :While the Opposition has been raising hue and cry over the proposed week-long China visit of Mayor and a few others to Dunhuang, many seem to have forgetting the sister city pact signed between both cities in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and chief minister Devendra Fadnavis in 2015.As per the official communication from Chinese officials, the week-long visit aims to further enhance the sister city relations within the framework of BRICS, an association of five major nations including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.Mayor Bapu Ghadamode, on his first leg of visit, is scheduled to attend a forum with Chengdu Municipal Government, Sischuan Province from July 11 to 13. The forum is called 2017 BRICS Friendship Cities and Local Governments Cooperation Forum, which will focus on interconnected development, join innovation and shared benefits.In his second part of visit, he is scheduled to visit to Dunhuang from July 14- 17 to take forward sister city relations."While the cultural similarities initially had served as the foundation for the sister city agreement between Aurangabad and Dunhuang, the ties will be taken forward to new level

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during our proposed visit. The participation in a forum related to BRICS will be another special takeaway from the visit as it will facilitate interaction with oficials, entrepreneurs and scholars from BRICS countries," Ghadamode told TOI on Sunday.As per official communication, Chinese hosts are supposed bear the expense of the delegation, including food, accommodation and local transportation in both cities.It may be recalled that a delegation of Dunhuang led by mayor Jia Taibin had visited Aurangabad in March 2015 as a precursor to forging sister city ties."Aurangabad has figured in the list of Smart City mission of the Centre. We have been dealing with important civic issues such as solid-waste management, arranging effective public transportation and building sustainable infrastructure. The visit will give us exposure in learning how the sister-city is tackling similar issues," he said.Questioning the rationale behind the opposition to the China visit, ex-deputy mayor Pramod Rathod said the city leaders must not lose the golden opportunity to cash on sister city agreement."It is immature on part of MIM and others to oppose the visit. China would have cancelled the visit, if relations between both the countries were allegedly so strained," said Rathod, who will be accompanying the mayor.The MIM, however, has chosen not to lower its guard while opposing the China visit of Mayor and his team."China has reportedly increased defence capabilities and deployed more troops along the Indian border. The neighbouring nation is also red-flagging Kailash Mansarovar pilgrims. In such circumstances, the state government itself should have said no to visits of the civic bodies to China as a mark of protest," MIM leader Firoz Khan said. He has also taken objection to choice of members for five-member delegation picked from Aurangabad Municipal Corporation for the visit.Some senior officials from the state urban development department and the state transport department are scheduled to be part of the China visit.

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Pakistan, China agree to enhance cooperation in science and tech

The Economic Times, PTI :Calling Pakistan and China"iron brothers", President Mamnoon Hussain has said the USD 50 billion CPEC is the latest example of "excellent economic cooperation" as the two countries agreed to enhance ties in the science and technology sector. China and Pakistan yesterday made an agreement to strengthen bilateral cooperation in science and technology sector under the Belt and Road Initiative. The agreement was made during a meeting between President Hussain and visiting Chinese Minister of Science and Technology Wan Gang who is here for the 18th Session of the Pak-China Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation. In the meeting, Hussain said use of modern Chinese technology in the CPEC related energy projects would alleviate the energy crisis in Pakistan and play a key role in the country's long-term growth. India has objected to the USD 50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, (CPEC) which is part of the Silk Road. "We are also interested in benefitting from China's ambitious China-South Asian Countries Science and Technology Partnership Programme (CSA-STEP) and enhance our economic cooperation through Technology Transfer," the president said in a statement. The Chinese Minister for Science and Technology said that China and Pakistan have a long history of working together in various fields, including science and technology. "He offered to cooperate in all sectors where Pakistan needs Chinese support, including maritime industry, biodiversity, renewable energy, establishment of joint scientific laboratories for the young scientists and working together for the climate change for benefit of entire humanity," according to the statement. The president also noted with satisfaction that 17 protocols have been concluded so far in accordance with the Framework Agreement on Science and Technology signed between the two countries in 1976 and the 18th Protocol is being signed during this visit. He said that Pakistan and China are 'iron brothers', strategic partners and good neighbours. He added that "friendship with China is the cornerstone of our foreign policy and our strategic partnership serves as an anchor for regional

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peace and stability". He emphasised to maintain the momentum of high-level bilateral exchanges and enhance people-to-people interaction. The president underscored that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the latest example of "our excellent economic cooperation". Scientific knowledge and technology can bring value addition to CPEC projects, he added. "We are keen to incorporate this knowledge in our industry for value addition of local raw materials and finished products," he said. The president said that Pakistan would continue to focus on further enhancing trade relations with China to bring them at par with bilateral political and strategic relations.

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'Will start looking at trade relations': US warns China over North Korea

The Times of India, PTI :President Donald Trump has made it clear to China that he will "start looking" at trade relations with the country if it did not help stop North Korea's aggressive behaviour, US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley said on Sunday.Amidst indication that America may toughen stance against North Korea which recently successfully tested intercontinental ballistic missile, Haley said that there will be a response if China blocked or vetoed any move to impose additional sanctions against North Korea."Then I think there will be a response," Haley told CNN in an interview."If they don't go along with that, the President has made it clear that he will start looking at trade relations with China. So we have to see," she said.Haley, the first Indian-American holding a cabinet rank in any US presidential administration, said that there were a lot of options on the table when it comes to dealing with China."Now the ball's in their court," she said."China has a choice to make. They're either going to go along with us and the rest of the international community and say, yes, we think that what North Korea did was wrong, or they're not," she said. Appearing on the same talk show, former defence secretary Ashton Carter said that it is time to push China and North Korea to a corner."I think it's important not to take the idea of military action on the Korean Peninsula or war lightly. This is a situation in which we need to get North Korea and China in a corner, and not put our president in a corner," Carter told CNN.

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Pakistan frees 78 Indian fishermen

The Economic Times, AFP :Pakistan today released 78 Indian fishermen held for trespassing into its territorial waters, officials said. "The fishermen were released from Karachi's Landhi jail," an official of the provincial home department of Sindh, Naseem Siddiqui told AFP. The freed fishermen are expected to cross over into India tomorrow. Siddiqui said "298 Indian fishermen are still imprisoned and will be released on completion of the verification of their nationalities by India." Indian and Pakistani fishermen are frequently detained for illegal fishing since the Arabian Sea border is not clearly defined and many boats lack the technology to fix their precise location. The fishermen often languish in jail, even after serving their terms, as poor diplomatic ties between the two neighbours mean fulfilling bureaucratic requirements can take a long time. Relations between India and Pakistan have plummeted since a deadly attack on an Indian army base in the disputed region of Kashmir in September, that New Delhi blamed on Pakistan- based Islamist group Jaish-e-Mohammed. Kashmir has been divided between India and Pakistan since the end of British colonial rule in 1947. Both claim the Himalayan territory in full and have fought two wars over the mountainous region.

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Pakistan summons India's deputy high commissioner for second day

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The Economic Times, PTI :Pakistan today summoned India's deputy high commissioner here for the second consecutive day over alleged ceasefire violations along the LoC, claiming that more civilians were killed in firing by the Indian troops. Deputy High Commissioner J P Singh was summoned again to "condemn and lodge protest over more civilian casualties at the LoC due to unprovoked ceasefire violations by India," Pakistan Foreign Office said in a statement. The Foreign Office spokesman alleged that three more civilians were killed in Chirikot and Satwal Sectors yesterday by the Indian troops, increasing the total civilian toll to five, including one man and four women. Director-General (South Asia and SAARC) Mohammad Faisal who summoned Singh "condemned further unprovoked ceasefire violations" by the Indian forces. He said "the deliberate targeting of civilians is indeed deplorable and contrary to human dignity and international human rights and humanitarian laws." During the meeting yesterday, Singh had conveyed to Faisal that the ceasefire violations were initiated by Pakistani troops in Poonch and Krishnaghatti sectors and the Indian forces only responded appropriately. A strong protest was also lodged over the death of two Indian civilians in the yesterday's ceasefire violations by Pakistani troops. The Director General today urged the Indian side to respect the 2003 ceasefire arrangement; investigate this and other incidents of ceasefire violations; instruct the Indian forces to respect the ceasefire, in letter and spirit and maintain peace on the LoC.

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Denied Indian visa, Pakistani cancer patient seeks Sushma's help

The Hindu, PTI :Faiza Tanveer (25), who is suffering from an agressive oral tumour, wishes to be treated in India.A woman suffering from cancer in Pakistan has urged External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj to help her visit India for treatment after her visa application was reportedly rejected by the Indian embassy here. Faiza Tanveer (25) is suffering from a recurrent ameloblastoma, an oral tumour which is aggressive in nature. 'She paid Rs. 10 lakh advance'Ms. Tanveer planned to visit the Inderprastha Dental College and Hospital (IDCH) in Ghaziabad and paid Rs. 10 lakh in advance for treatment, according to a Pakistani media report. But the Indian High Commission in Islamabad rejected her medical visa application, the report said. Ms. Tanveer's mother claimed that her application was rejected because of deteriorating ties between the two countries. That forced Ms. Tanveer to take to social media to move Indian authorities. Moving tweets to SushmaMs. Tanveer in several tweets over the past couple of days has urged Ms. Swaraj to intervene. She has also posted her photo and a video that showed her tumour. In one of the tweets, she said, "Please help me save my life mam plz (sic)," and tagged Ms. Swaraj in the tweet. In another tweet, Mr. Tanveer said, "Sushma g please help me (sic)."

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Pakistan loses its veto vote on India's bilateral relations

Mint, Anil Padmanabhan :Last week, addressing the US-India Business Council, Mike Pence, the vice-president of the US, shared an interesting anecdote on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's just-concluded visit: Noting that Pence had represented Indiana, the PM said the name of the state could be pronounced as India aana (which in Hindi translates into come to India).It captures the near bromance generated by Modi in his first official meeting with President Donald Trump. The Indian side is heaving a sigh of relief that the dialogue escaped becoming victim to the customary unpredictability of President Trump in dealing with global leaders. There was another sub-text however, which was clearly apparent in the joint statement and the public utterances of the two leaders: The omission of direct references to Pakistan in the conversations; at best, India's troublesome neighbour figured indirectly in the context of China. Effectively the hyphenation had been formally severed. This is welcome relief and it has been long in coming. With the US state department previously manned by Cold War era officials, India, given its

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history of strained relations with the US, found itself at the receiving end. Often this manifested in hyphenating India and Pakistan (like how parents of two siblings would go the extra mile to preclude any bias). This severely restricted the spheres of engagement (For a more detailed understanding of the challenge this hyphenation posed, read a previous column). It is also a fact that the Indian foreign establishment was too preoccupied with Pakistan. As a result, often the outcome of a bilateral meeting between India and the US ended up being weighed on how unfavourable it was to Pakistan. And very often the same metric came to be employed in dealing with other nations too. However the scenario started to alter after 9/11. Overnight, the US was sensitized to India's perennial problem: cross-border terror. Consequently, the scrutiny of Pakistan increased, especially its use of home-trained terrorists to leverage its strategic interests. The second big turning point was the inking of the civil nuclear agreement between the two countries in 2005. Actually it took more than four years to clinch; it was initiated in the regime of prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and closed out in the tenure of prime minister Manmohan Singh. While the delay may have been frustrating, the endless rounds of talks actually wore down prejudices on either side. Though 12 years later a project is still to be initiated, there is no denying the fact that by signing the pact the bilateral dialogue between India and the US has been fundamentally altered. Looking back, it is a tribute to several administrations on either side for not dropping the ball. Yes, the relationship may have not grown at the desired pace, but at no stage did it reverse. A fallout of this maturing of the relationship between both sides has been the delinking of Pakistan from the dialogue. Moreover, Modi's foreign policy overtures, especially the out-of-the-box idea to invite all South Asian neighbours to the swearing in of his government, have unequivocally demonstrated India's good intent to the world. The spreading threat of global terror has only increased the scrutiny of terror factories across the world, including Pakistan. Tragically Pakistan has embarked on an even more dangerous path—willingly becoming a pawn in a larger China plan to dominate Asia. Not only does it risk destabilizing the region afresh, it could potentially also compromise its own sovereignty as submitting to Chinese hegemony will come with a bill—including intangible costs, some of which will be humiliating for the otherwise proud Pakistanis to accept. It is, as the idiom states, an instance of cutting of your nose to spite your face.

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India slams Pakistan for glorifying Burhan Wani

The Times of India, TNN :India slammed Pakistan on Sunday for making a martyr out of Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Burhan Wani, who was killed on July 8 last year.Criticising the Pakistani government for glorifying the dead terrorist, MEA spokesperson Gopal Baglay tweeted, "First, Foreign Office of Pakistan read from banned LeT's script. Now, Pakistan COAS (army chief) glorifies Burhan Wani. Pakistan's terror support and sponsorship need to be condemned by one and all."Baglay's comments came a day after Pakistani army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa praised Wani. Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharif too paid tributes to Wani, saying his death "infused a new spirit in the struggle for freedom" in Kashmir Valley.Meanwhile, Pakistan summoned India's deputy high commissioner in Islamabad for the second consecutive day on Sunday over alleged ceasefire violations along the LoC, claiming that more civilians were killed in firing by Indian troops. J P Singh was summoned to "condemn and lodge protest over more civilian casualties at the LoC due to unprovoked ceasefire violations by India", Pakistan's Foreign Office said in a statement. A Pakistani spokesperson alleged three more civilians were killed in Chirikot and Satwal sectors on Saturday by Indian troops, taking the total civilian toll to five. Director-general (South Asia and Saarc) of Pakistan's Foreign Office Mohammad Faisal, who summoned Singh, "condemned further unprovoked ceasefire violations" by Indian forces. He said "the deliberate targeting of civilians is indeed deplorable and contrary to human dignity and

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international human rights and humanitarian laws". However, the Indian official told Pakistani authorities that ceasefire violations were started by Pakistani troops in Poonch and Krishnaghati sectors and Indian forces only responded. A strong protest was also lodged over the death of two Indian civilians in Saturday's ceasefire violations by Pakistan.The glorification of Wani comes on the heels of a G20 resolution on terror in Ha- mburg, where India played a big role in the final language of the document, according to Indian sherpa Arvind Panagariya.

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Lessons for India on why Israel leads in innovation!

The Times of India, Bureau : India and Israelboth survive in a very hostile neighbourhood and with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's maiden visit to the Jewish country, the two democracies are seeing a new high in relations.The one big lesson India needs to learn from Israel is to rise again from failures.Israel is also referred to as a 'start-up nation'. Modi gave a clarion call that India should also 'start up and stand up'.Modi says "innovation is the biggest goal towards the route of development. Israel has always promoted innovation and technology."The one big thing that differentiates the Indian and Israeli innovation system is way the Israelis accept failure, and failed entrepreneurs are not stigmatised.In the past, India and Israel have not looked eye-to-eye. For decades India was leaning towards Palestine and the relationship got transformed during the Kargil conflict, when Israel came to India's rescue by supplying sophisticated weapons which helped push back the Pakistani infiltrators in the Kargil zone.Since then, the relationship has grown by leaps and bounds.India launched an Israeli spy satellite, TecSAR, in 2008. India also bought a similar satellite from Israel, RISAT-2, to keep an eye on its hostile neighbours, this was cooperation at the government level.After the visit by Modi, the space agencies of the two countries can now start cooperating in earnest now.Today Israel is a power house of high technology. If India's mission to succeed as 'Start Up' country has to go forward there is a lot to learn from the original 'Start Up Nation' Israel.Many lessons need to be learnt like from seeing the working of one of the top ten most successful venture capital companies JVP, a technology powerhouse.Located in the heart of the Negev Desert where nothing grows, JVP Cyber Labs is rated one of the best. It nurtured infant ideas and in the last few years it helped create 120 companies worth USD 1.3 billion.But, what gives Israel a unique start up ecosystem?YoavTzruya, Partner at JVP Cyber Labs at Beer Sheva in Israel said, "One of the basic cultural differences that exist in Israel as a start up nation is how we look at failure. In Israel we do not penalise failure per se. We look at the entrepreneurs, who created their companies that failed, as people who have gained from their experience.""We have been asked by many countries around the world to replicate it, the successful model of innovation, and always culture was an obstacle. People that founded start up and failed were looked down upon. It is critical actually to embrace failure, learn from it rather than look down upon it," he said.Israel nurtures the start-up environment. Incubators are set up by the Israeli government, which used to give $600,000 risk free loan to promising starts ups.If companies fail they don't need to pay back the loan but if they succeed they pay back a 3 per cent annual royalty.Israel is an acknowledged world leader in the use of solar and water technology.Israel is a very dry country. Unlike India it is not blessed by the monsoons which bring bountiful rain for us. Israel may lack in rain, but the country has deployed high technology to catch every drop, even waste water is fully recycled. Today Israel is using water as a weapon of peace.Pipes are Israel's weapons of defence against perpetual water shortage. Invented in Israel, drip irrigation is the most common thing in the country.This spectacular success story has been emulated worldwide, where by drop by drop water is supplied to the roots of the plants. Every litre of water irrigates almost 10 times more area than in India.In the Middle East, it is not just oil that is inflammable, countries have gone to war over water. The lack of water is cause for constant tension but

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sharing technology could offer solutions.Abraham Tenne, till recently chairman, Water Development Agency said, "Israel is a leader in water technologies. Today water is a bridge for peace and not a target for war. Israel is teaching its neighbours, Jordan and Palestine, techniques for saving water."In Israel, it is a miracle seeing first-hand how the desert is blooming ever since Israel started using precision agriculture. Israel and India have a deep cooperation in the field of horticulture, with many farmers in Punjab and Gujarat beginning to use Israeli technology.Juicy red tomatoes, coloured bell peppers are all grown in the deserts of Israel. The sun and sand of desert is fertilised with recycled water to bring about a green revolution in the parched soils.Lior Paster, water engineer, Igudanwater for agriculture facility said, "We collect sewage of 2.5 million people and treat it and send it to the south in good quality for agricultural use, appropriate for crops, vegetables, fruits and flowers."Despite Israel's love for high technology, it has not permitted any genetically modified crop to be grown by its farmers.

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NSG bid: India trying to join Wassenaar Arrangement and Australia group

The Economic Times, PTI :India is actively trying to join the export control regimes, the Wassenaar Arrangement and Australia Group, notwithstanding China's attempts to stonewall its bid to enter the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). An official said work on applying for a membership of the Wassenaar Arrangement had begun. An entry into the two groups can help strengthen India's non-proliferation credentials and build up a strong case for it as the country seeks an entry into the 48-member NSG. The government also recently approved SCOMET (Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment, and Technologies) items, mandatory under the Wassernaar Arrangement. Through the revised list of items, India also seeks to send a message about its larger commitment to non- proliferation. Twenty-eight states are common members of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), the Australia Group, the Wassenaar Agreement and the NSG the four non-proliferation groups. India is a member of the 35-member MTCR, which it joined last year. Membership in Wassenaar and Australia Group would give India a chance for a closer interaction with member- states and also hold up its credentials, despite not being a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Membership to these groups is by consensus, as in the NSG. Indian had applied for NSG membership last year, but its bid is primarily being blocked by China, which maintains that the signing the NPT is a prerequisite for entry into the bloc. Neither China nor Pakistan is a member of either of the two groups. Rakesh Sood, a former special envoy of the Prime Minister for disarmament and non-proliferation, said India had been working with these export control regimes. A team from the 41-nation Wassenaar Arrangement had visited New Delhi early this year, he said. Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan, head of nuclear and space initiative at the Observer Research Foundation, said entry into the Wassenaar Arrangement and Australia Group would help remove "scepticism" about India's NSG bid among some nations, which are still on the "edge". "India's membership to the NSG still looks very uncertain at this point of time due to the stiff opposition from China. In the meantime, its membership in other groups will give India additional opportunities to interact with the countries who are members of all four non-proliferation groups," she said.

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3 Tamil Nadu fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy

Hindustan Times, PTI :Three Tamil Nadu fishermen were arrested on Sunday by the Sri Lankan Navy for allegedly fishing in the island nation waters. The fishermen from Jagadapattinam in Pudukottai District were detained off Karainagar in northern Sri Lanka, a state Fisheries official said here. They were later taken to Kangesanthurai port, Fisheries Assistant Director Sivakumar said. This is the second instance of arrest of Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Lankan Navy this

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month. Earlier, on July 6, eight fishermen, also hailing from Pudukottai district, were taken into custody and their two boats seized. There has been a spurt in the detention of Indian fishermen by Sri Lanka since last month, when more than 50 fishermen were held, prompting state Chief Minister K Palaniswami to seek the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to secure their release.

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Ahmedabad declared India's first heritage city by UNESCO

The Hindu, Bureau :Ahmedabad was in the race for the prestigious UNESCO title along with Delhi and Mumbai.More than 600 year old Walled City of Ahmedabad founded by Ahmed Shah has been declared India's first World Heritage City, recognising heritage value of the walled city's unique heritage. The World Heritage Committee (WHC) of UNESCO announced on Saturday late night following a meeting in Poland's Krakwo. Subsequently, India's permanent representative to UNESCO Ruchira Kamboj also tweeted. . "Thrilled to announce! Ahmedabad has just been declared India's first #WorldHeritage city by @UNESCO," The 5.5 km walled city area with approximate population of four lakh living in century old wooden residences in around 600 pols or neighbourhoods is regarded as living heritage and the UNESCO had preferred Ahmedabad'c entry over Delhi and Mumbai, country's two main metro cities. Ahmedabad's nomination received huge support from around 20 countries, who lauded the peaceful co-existence of dominant Hindu, Islamic and Jain communities in the Walled City area. Besides it architectural marvels of wooden havelis, the world community also stressed on the fact that the city was the epicentre of non violent freedom struggle that led to country's independence from colonial rulers in 1947. According to Ahmedabad Municipal Commissioner Mukesh Kumar, there are 2600 heritage sites and over two dozen ASI protected monuments and sites in the walled city which has been declared as the first World Heritage City of the country. In 2011, the city had figured in UNESCO's tentative list. The civic body and the state authorities expect a huge boost to tourism in the city after the UNESCO's declaration. The city has now joined the privileged club of heritage cities like Paris, Cairo, Edinburg and two cities in subcontinent Bhaktpur in Nepal and Galle in Sri Lanka. "For over 600 years, Ahmedabad has stood for peace, as a landmark city where Mahatma Gandhi began India's freedom struggle. It has stood for unity with its elegant carvings in its Hindu and Jain temples as well as standing as one of the finest examples of Indo-Islamic architecture and Hindu Muslim art. And beyond this, it epitomizes the United Nation's objective of sustainable development as it accelerates in its development," Ms. Kamboj said during Ahmedabad's inscription. It took efforts of two decades to achieve the new status as Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) had set up Heritage Cell in 1996 to preserve heritage sites and restore those which were damaged. Prior to that in 1984, Ford Foundation had instituted a project to conserve city's heritage structures in the Walled City.

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Indian Army digs in for the long haul in Dokalam

The Economic Times, PTI :The Indian Army is ready for a long haul in holding onto its position in the Dokalam area near the Bhutan tri-junction, notwithstanding China ratcheting up rhetoric against India demanding pulling back of its troops. The Indian soldiers deployed in the disputed area have pitched in tents, in an indication that they are unlikely to retreat unless there was reciprocity from China's PLA personnel in ending the face-off at an altitude of around 10,000 feet in the Sikkim section. A steady line of supplies is being maintained for the soldiers at the site, official sources said, signalling that Indian Army is not going to wilt under any pressure from China. At the same time they sounded confident of finding a diplomatic solution to the

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dispute, citing resolution of border skirmishes in the past through diplomacy. Though China has been aggressively asserting that it was not ready for any "compromise" and that the "ball is in India's court", the view in the security establishment here is that there cannot be any unilateral approach in defusing the tension. Both the countries had agreed to a mechanism in 2012 to resolve border flare ups through consultations at various levels. The mechanism has not worked so far in the current case as the standoff near the Bhutan trijunction, triggered by China's attempt to build a road in the strategically important area, has dragged on for over three weeks. New Delhi has already conveyed to China that such an action would represent a significant change of status quo with "serious" security implications for India. The road link could give China a major military advantage over India. Doka La is the Indian name for the region which Bhutan recognises as Dokalam, while China claims it as part of its Donglang region. China and Bhutan are engaged in talks over the resolution of the dispute in the area. India argues that since it is a tri-junction involving the three countries, it also has a say in the issue, specially in the backdrop of 2012 agreement between special representatives of the two countries, that have till now held 19 rounds of talks. Bhutan has no diplomatic ties with China. As a close friend and neighbour, Bhutan enjoys diplomatic and military support from India. Of the 3,488-km-long India-China border from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh, a 220-km section falls in Sikkim.

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Between economic growth and communal harmony, India can have only one. Here's why

The Economic Times, Gurcharan Das :Some of us remember from our schooldays the opening lines of Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness...it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." This is not only the most famous beginning of an English novel but it also captures the contradictions in our present-day life in India. Let me illustrate with two recent events. We celebrated 'the best of times' at midnight on Friday, June 30, when what seemed like a distant dream became a reality as the goods and services tax (GST) replaced 17 state and central taxes to make India one common market. It was a visionary constitutional moment as our states voluntarily gave up some sovereignty in taxation for the common good. Ironically, when the English are fighting for symbols of sovereignty, Indians chose a mature path of 'pooled sovereignty' based on a sobering recognition that freedom to act independently in our interconnected world is an illusion. The GST is not perfect but it is good enough to get started. A week earlier, it was our 'worst of times' as we mourned helplessly the killing of 15-year-old Junaid Khan. He came to Delhi to stitch a new suit but never got to wear it. On the way home, he was attacked by a mob that accused him of being a beef-eater. "He was a child... How could they hate us so much to have killed him so brutally?" asked his father. Junaid's slaying is the latest in a string of anti-Muslim attacks by anonymous, bloodthirsty mobs, who form randomly in different parts of the country and are thus harder to prevent. How does the mind come to grips with these two conflicting events? Charles Dickens wrestled with a similar dilemma posed by the French Revolution, which offered a 'spring of hope' by ending an oppressive old regime but also brought in its wake death and destruction in a 'winter of despair'. In India today, we are struggling with a moral dilemma between development and secularism. But why must we choose — why can't we have both secularism and growth? Unfortunately, the Congress party will give us secularism but not growth and Modi's BJP will give us growth but not secularism. Congress has historically promised both but only delivered secularism because of its flawed economic model. As a result of the cumulative impact of the reforms post 1991, it did preside over high growth between 2003 and 2011. But then it promptly made a false trade-off between growth and equity and predictably GDP growth plunged after 2011, destroying millions of jobs. As a result, Indian voters booted it out in 2014, and brought in

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Modi, who promised a more credible path to growth via job creation. Many in the middle-of-the-road who voted for the BJP were aware of the stain of Gujarat 2002 but felt theirs was a calculated risk.Since then, economic recovery has been slow, the promised jobs have not yet come, and we face the risk of sacrificing another generation. The sporadic attacks on minorities, meanwhile, have wounded our civilisation's foundational value of ahimsa. It seems odd to morally equate the ideals of secularism and development. Writer Ajaz Ashraf says it is a 'leap of moral imagination to establish equivalence between the Gujarat riots and the imperative of creating new jobs'. Ethical theories measure morality based either on ends or means. Utilitarians and political leaders, who seek 'the greatest good of the greatest number', judge an act based on consequences or ends. Thus, Vidura, the royal counsellor in the Mahabharata, tells the king that he should sacrifice a person for the sake of a village and the village for the sake of a nation. The opposite theory is based on duties and judges morality on the actor's motives. Since killing undermines the duty of ahimsa, duty-based ethics would choose secularism over development while utilitarians would do the opposite. Ethical dilemmas are not easy to resolve. Platitudes are cheap — 'means matter more than ends'; 'one life is worth more than lifting millions out of poverty'. When there is a conflict between duties, utilitarian ethics is more useful. If a party emerged one day which would deliver growth and secularism then our moral dilemma would disappear. In the meantime, each of us must make an informed but unhappy choice.

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Next step after Malabar: Inter-operability and greater integration among navies

Hindustan Times, Bureau :The naval exercise is nowadays geopolitics in miniature. This week, the annual Malabar exercise will play out in the Indian Ocean. As United States President Donald Trump promised, the exercise will be the biggest one since Malabar began in 1992. The highlight will be the presence of three carriers, one from each participating country: India, the US and Japan. Along with their respective escort ships, this could result in 20 or more ships participating. Malabar is probably today the most significant naval exercise in the Indian Ocean, militarily and politically. A true measure of its symbolism is that China, as it has done almost every year, has already wagged a finger and sent a spy ship to watch the proceedings. Australia, from a different perspective, has applied for observer status and signaled a desire to become a full-blown participant in the future. When a government lends its flag to a naval exercise it is making a statement of intent. The present Malabar exercises reflects the common concerns India, the US and Japan have about the future of the maritime Indo-Pacific. A slow shrinkage of the US naval footprint in the region is merging with the growing military presence of China. These three countries share a view that Beijing's idea of how the world should be run is largely incompatible with their own. Naval exercises can be treated as a dating game but they fall short of a marriage. That has to come from a broad foreign and economic policy engagement on many different levels. Security cooperation in all its permutations, trade and investment on a large scale, preferably common political values and a convergence of worldviews are among the ways true alliances are forged. Trying to use all that to stitch that together a disparate bunch of countries and in the face of interference from the world's number two power is not easy. When dealing with a country as wealthy and powerful as China maintaining discipline in the ranks is always an issue. The collapse of the Quad – which at one point included five navies – is a testament to the reluctance of governments to be on the wrong side of Beijing. Malabar has weathered a number of episodes when New Delhi, Tokyo and Washington, individually, sought to unsuccessfully woo Beijing. But with this maturity must come progress. There is a need to take these naval exercises to a higher level. Inter-operability and much greater integration is what these navies –

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and their respective governments – need to be considering for the next generation of Malabar exercises.

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As India-China standoff continues, absence of full-time Defence minister is glaring

The Indian Express, Manish Tewari :Chinese president Xi Jinping refused to meet prime minister Narendra Modi in a structured bilateral meeting on the margins of the G-20 Summit in Hamburg over the weekend, though reports suggest that they had a "pull aside" interaction. The Chinese had categorically ruled out a "one-on-one" meeting, citing the stand-off in the Doklam area near the Bhutan tri-junction for past 19 days. (Doka La is the Indian name for the region that Bhutan knows as Doklam, while China asserts that it is a portion of its Donglang region.) Given the fact that less than 34 months ago, in September 2014, Modi was personally serenading Xi on the banks of the Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad, it calls for a deep dive to discern why the Sino-Indian relationship has reached such a pass.Is the deterioration in the relationship sudden or was it sliding steadily and surreptitiously hidden from the public gaze ? Here's an incident that is believed to have taken place when Modi visited Xian, Xi's hometown, in May 2015. Apparently, the prime minister raised the matter of the unsettled border issue, expressing concern over the slow pace of the Special Representative process between the two countries. The response from the Chinese side was illuminating. They, evidently, told him that there are three segments of the border – Northern (Chinese Western) where India needs to sort out issues with Pakistan and only then would the Chinese talk about that sector; the Central (Middle), where the border is relatively settled; and the Eastern (Chinese Eastern), which India calls Arunachal Pradesh and the Chinese refer to as South Tibet, where substantive outstanding issues needed to be dealt with. In other words India should relinquish its claim on Arunachal Pradesh.Why this piece of minutiae is important is because the current impasse is almost at the end of the Central (Middle) sector and the beginning of the Eastern sector where, even according to the Chinese, there were no major irritants even 26 months ago. This stretches from Himachal Pradesh to the Eastern end of the state of Sikkim. Even though the current stand off is in Bhutanese territory, the Chinese are not blind to the "special" relationship between India and Bhutan. During a 2012 interaction with leaders of political parties from across Asia in Beijing, a Chinese Communist party apparatchik on the cusp of a major leadership elevation outlined China's three objectives over the next decade as follows : to transform China from a low income to a middle-income country, to move manufacturing facilities further into the hinterland from the coastal regions and to consolidate individual grassroots democracy across the country. China, he said, needed another three decades of peace to properly fulfill this vision. Moreover, he emphasized, the rise of China in Asia would be peaceful. Although, China's conduct with regard to Japan qua the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea or generally with other littoral states of the South China Sea has been acerbic and belligerent, there is another dimension of Chinese behavior that should not be ignored. To the exclusion of its territorial disputes with India and Bhutan, China has settled all its other land boundary disputes. In contrast, it has resolved none of its maritime border disputes, with the honorable exception of the Gulf of Tonkin dispute with Vietnam, that was partially resolved after protracted negotiations spanning three rounds i.e. in 1974, 1978-1979, and 1992-2000, spread over six decades. China-watchers are bemused and a tad intrigued at the territorial concessions that China has repeatedly given to resolve its myriad conflicts. Of its 23 ongoing territorial disputes from 1949, China proposed generous concessions in as many as 17, often agreeing to receive less than half the land it initially claimed. A classical example is the Sino-Tajik border dispute that was settled by an agreement between the two countries in January 2011. The agreement that resolved a 130-year-old territorial dispute, required Tajikistan to cede around 1,000 square kilometers of land in the Pamir Mountains to China. It mandates that China will

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receive only 3.5 per cent of the 28,000 sq kms of land it had asked for by declaring it as historical Chinese lands. While, under its boundary settlements with Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, China settled for just 22 and 32 per cent respectively of the land it had disputed, respectively. This situation then begs the obvious question : Why have the Sino–Indian border talks not made progress. In the April of 2016, after a meeting of the Special Representatives, the Chinese foreign ministry came out with an interestingly quixotic formulation. The statement put out by the Chinese stated "Starting from the big picture of long-term development of bilateral relations, both sides will, with the positive attitude of mutual respect and understanding and on the basis of existing results from negotiations, stay on the track of political settlement, stick to peaceful negotiations to resolve the boundary question, meet each other halfway and continue to promote the process of framework negotiation so as to strive for a fair and reasonable solution that both sides accept". Significantly this offer to meet halfway came one year after the PM's apparent dissatisfaction on the matter in Xian. Settlement of territorial questions involves land swaps which requires political will. Given the fact that the 1962 wound is regularly dredged out and given an airing which has not allowed this injury to the "collective Indian psyche" to heal, notwithstanding the 1967 border clashes in Nathu La when the Indian Army gave the Chinese a bloody nose, as well as in Sumdorong Chu in 1986 when the Indians checkmated the Chinese...But we tend to forget all this and are obsessed with a sense of victimhood. The Chinese have sensed this lack of political will in the current Indian leadership, despite all the grandstanding and bluster, and possibly feel that India being a traditional status quo power would not want to change the de jure for that would involve changing the facts on the ground. That is why they have decided to probe prime minister Modi even in an area that has for long been tranquil. India's refusal to participate in Xi Jinping's OBOR (One Belt One Road) fantasy and the fact that only little Bhutan stood with India on boycotting that conference has underscored New Delhi's isolation to the Chinese even in the neighborhood while singling out Bhutan for Chinese fire. Coupled with that is the larger Asian canvas. The Asian power dynamic consists of the interplay between the US that considers itself to be an Asian power, Russia, China, Japan and India. It is a dynamic that has to be finessed very subtly. Unfortunately the current government has tripped badly. While it has not got anything substantive out of the US-Japan-India strategic trilateral despite the soon-to-commence Operation Malabar in the Bay of Bengal on July 10, 2017, featuring three aircraft carriers from all these three countries, it has lost both Russia and China. The Russians, despite their protestations, have supped with the Pakistanis and the dragon is breathing fire on the trijunction of Bhutan–China and India. India does not have the luxury of being separated by two oceans from China. It also has had a positive relationship with it notwithstanding the boundary question over the past three decades after prime minister Rajiv Gandhi's momentous visit in 1988. Prime Minister Modi would be well advised not to let TV anchors and their panelists masquerade as Indian public opinion. The equilibrium in the relationship with China needs to be restored through quiet old-world diplomacy, while continuing to work with the US and Russia to build our military capacity and capabilities that have woefully been neglected by the current government. Nothing underlines it more than the fact that India does not have a full time Defence Minister. As for the "political will to settle outstanding territorial issues", the less said the better.

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Needed: A mutual restraint pact with China

Mint, Srinath Raghavan :During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Beijing in May 2015, India and China issued a well-considered joint statement. The first section of the document, subtitled "Strengthening Political Dialogue And Strategic Communication", stated: "Full use will be made of the opportunities provided by the presence of their leaders at various multilateral fora

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to hold consultations on bilateral relations and issues of regional and global importance."Yet when such an opportunity was presented last week in the G20 summit, both sides went out of their way to insist that they had not sought a meeting. Against the backdrop of a serious stand-off along the border, there could be no starker proof of the fraying of India-China ties over the past two years. To consider why things have come to this pass, it is important to understand how this difficult relationship was managed over the past 25 years. The Border Peace and Tranquility Agreement of 1993 was a decisive break from the pattern of Sino-Indian relations since the 1962 war. The agreement formalized the two sides' commitment to maintaining status quo on the border until they arrived at a negotiated settlement. The agreement also enabled them to bracket the boundary issue and allow the bilateral relationship to develop in other areas. The agreement was enabled by a particular domestic and international conjuncture. Having embarked on major economic reforms, prime minister P.V. Narasimha Rao was keen to ensure a stable relationship with China. This would help check defence expenditure and allow India to focus on its internal transformation. In the wake of the Tiananmen massacre and the ensuing international opprobrium, China too was keen to avoid confrontation with its adversaries and create a suitable external environment to spur its economic growth. Both China and India were also reconciled to the fact of American unipolarity and sought to leverage it for their own power and purposes. The peace and tranquillity agreements of 1993 and 1996 delivered their core promise. When certain aspects of them, such as clarification of the Line of Actual Control, proved difficult, the two sides responded not by restricting cooperation but expanding it. Think of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's bold decision in 2003 to embark on political negotiations on the border. Over the following decade, the common refrain was: "There is enough room for the growth of both China and India". The strategic and political context today is rather different. Having gained an upper hand on border infrastructure, the Chinese are keen to prevent India from catching up. Hence, the new forms of Chinese military activity along the border over the past five years. More broadly, China's relative power in the international system has risen since the global financial crisis. Not surprisingly, China's definition of its core interests and its willingness to pursue them has also increased. India's interests too have expanded with its growing power. Not only is it prepared to adopt a more assertive posture on the border, but it also harbours concerns about South China Sea and China's rising footprint along India's periphery. Even as New Delhi attempts to resolve the current stand-off, it should think ahead. We now need a restraining pact with China. Diplomatic history is replete, as historian Paul Schroeder reminds us, with such examples of managing antagonistic relations by associative means—also known as pacta de contrahendo. The Holy Alliance after the Napoleonic Wars stabilized Russia's relations with Austria and Prussia—countries that had been its enemies recently and that continued to compete with Russia along its periphery. The Entente Cordiale, similarly, helped stabilize Britain's ties with its historic enemy, France. Contrary to popular wisdom, the entente was aimed not at a rising Germany but at managing Britain's rivalry with France over colonial possessions.

What could be the elements of an agreement on mutual restraint with China?

The 2015 statement spoke of "respect and sensitivity to each other's concerns, interests and aspirations". This should be narrowed down to primary concerns and core interests. For instance, Chinese military activism along the border is a primary concern for India. Not so the political cover they provide in the UN to Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism. Yet India should make it clear that Pakistani terrorism jeopardizes regional security—especially in the context of Chinese projects in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Both sides should also set aside aspirational or status goals: be it India's desire for Chinese support on Nuclear Suppliers Group membership, or China's desire for Indian support on the Belt and Road Initiative and China's leadership more generally. As for the border, both sides could build on previous agreements. Former national security adviser Shivshankar Menon has observed that neither side has explored the reference in

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Thanks, Kelly.

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Latest with H edits attached. Reminder to clear by COB. Thx

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P: D McCandless
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EAP/CM: J Hwang ok
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Subject: RE: CLEAR BY COB MON: QFR 19 Van Hollen

OK for me.

Best,
Beth

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Adding to this message chain colleagues in L/EB, L/UNA, and L/LEI.

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Colleagues,
Please clear the attached QFR by COB Monday, July 10. Thx

Kelly McKellogg Swaine
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Questions for the Record Submitted to
Secretary of State Rex Tillerson by
Senator Van Hollen (#19)
U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee
June 18, 2017

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Question:

Why has the administration not put in place a more aggressive secondary sanctions regime against North Korea, given your acknowledgement that North Korea poses the greatest threat to U.S. security? Is the administration prepared to force Chinese banks to choose between working with North Korea or losing access to the U.S. banking system?

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Senator Patrick Leahy
Questions for Secretary of State Tillerson
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Question 37:

Would you support the following legislation, and if not why not?
"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regulation, or policy, travel to and transactions incident to such travel in Cuba by American citizens and legal residents shall not be subject to limitations that are more or less restrictive than for such travel to and transactions in Iran, Syria, Russia, North Korea, China, or Vietnam."

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Question 72:

Some have argued that the U.S. should withdraw from the UN Human Rights Council. Over the past six years though, we have seen a number of positive outcomes from U.S. engagement. The Council voted to dispatch a team to investigate human rights violations committed by ISIS in Iraq; continues to scrutinize and bring attention to the dire human rights situation in Iran; authorized a groundbreaking investigation into human rights violations in North Korea; created a mechanism to push for the prevention and elimination of child and forced marriage, and saw a dramatic reduction in the number of special sessions on Israel. This record of success is markedly different than when the U.S. was not involved in the Council from 2007-2009. While the Council still has its flaws, the overwhelming view of human rights organizations is the U.S. should continue to engage with it. Do you agree?

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 27, 2019

Case No. F-2017-14066

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated February 27, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed over 300 potentially responsive pages, and retrieved 49 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that the responsive information in 19 documents may be released in full, the responsive information in 26 documents may be released in part, and the responsive information in 4 documents must be withheld in full.

All non-exempt, responsive material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. The documents withheld in full were withheld under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1).

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Christopher Hair at Christopher.Hair@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2017-14066, and the civil action number, 18-cv-01321, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

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(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

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Remarks at an Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on Nonproliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

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Ambassador Nikki Haley
U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
New York City
July 5, 2017

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Thank you, Mr. President.

To my friends on the Security Council, I must say that today is a dark day. It is a dark day because yesterday's actions by North Korea made the world a more dangerous place. Their illegal missile launch was not only dangerous, but reckless and irresponsible. It showed that North Korea does not want to be part of a peaceful world. They have cast a dark shadow of conflict on all nations that strive for peace.

Yesterday's act came from the same vicious dictator who sent a young college student back home to his parents, unresponsive and in a coma. For Americans, the true nature of the North Korean regime was painfully brought home with the images of two guards holding Otto Warmbier up as they transported him from a prison he should never have been in. Otto Warmbier is but one person out of millions who have been killed, tortured, or deprived of their human rights by the North Korean regime.

To Americans, the death of one innocent person can be as powerful as the death of millions. Because all men and women are created in God's image, depravity toward one is a sure sign of willingness to do much more harm.

The nature of the North Korean regime is clear; only the scale of the damage it does could become different. That's why yesterday's escalation is so alarming. If North Korea will treat an innocent young student the way it treated Otto Warmbier, we should not be surprised if it acts barbarically on a larger scale.

The United States does not seek conflict. In fact, we seek to avoid it. We seek only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and an end to the threatening actions by North Korea. Regrettably, we're witnessing just the opposite. Make no mistake, North Korea's launch of an ICBM is a clear and sharp military escalation. The North Korean regime openly states that its missiles are intended to deliver nuclear weapons to strike cities in the United States, South Korea, and Japan. And now it has a greater capacity to do so.

In truth, it is not only the United States and our allies that are threatened. North Korea's destabilizing escalation is a threat to all nations in the region and beyond. Their actions are quickly closing off the possibility of a diplomatic solution.

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The United States is prepared to use the full range of our capabilities to defend ourselves and our allies. One of our capabilities lies with our considerable military forces. We will use them if we must, but we prefer not to have to go in that direction. We have other methods of addressing those who threaten us and of addressing those who supply the threats. We have great capabilities in the area of trade. President Trump has spoken repeatedly about this. I spoke with him at length about it this morning.

There are countries that are allowing – even encouraging – trade with North Korea in violation of UN Security Council resolutions. Such countries would also like to continue their trade arrangements with the United States. That's not going to happen. Our attitude on trade changes when countries do not take international security threats seriously. Before the path to a peaceful solution is entirely closed, however, there remains more that the international community can and must do diplomatically and economically.

In the coming days, we will bring before the Security Council a resolution that raises the international response in a way that is proportionate to North Korea's new escalation. I will not detail that resolution here today, but the options are all known to us. If we are unified, the international community can cut off the major sources of hard currency to the North Korean regime. We can restrict the flow of oil to their military and their weapons programs. We can increase air and maritime restrictions. We can hold senior regime officials accountable.

The international community has spoken frequently against the illegal and dangerous actions of the North Korean regime. For many years, there have been numerous UN sanctions against North Korea. But they have been insufficient to get them to change their destructive course. So in order to have an impact – in order to move North Korea off its military escalation – we must do more. We will not look exclusively at North Korea. We will look at any country that chooses to do business with this outlaw regime. We will not have patience for stalling or talking our way down to a watered-down resolution.

Yesterday's ICBM escalation requires an escalated diplomatic and economic response. Time is short. Action is required. The world is on notice. If we act together, we can still prevent a catastrophe, and we can rid the world of a grave threat. If we fail to act in a serious way, there will be a different response.

Much of the burden of enforcing UN sanctions rests with China. Ninety percent of trade with North Korea is from China. We will work with China. We will work with any and every country that believes in peace. But we will not repeat the inadequate approaches of the past that have brought us to this dark day.

We cannot forget the multiple missile tests this year or yesterday's escalation. We cannot forget Otto Warmbier and others North Korea continues to hold. We cannot forget the threats to our friends and allies around the world. We will not forget. And we will not delay.

Thank you.

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I thank you for holding this meeting in the public and allowing us all to voice our concerns.

I first wanted to tell my Russian friends that not only has the Secretary-General said this was an ICBM, and the U.S. has said this is an ICBM, North Korea has said this was an ICBM. So if you need any sort of intelligence to let you know that the rest of the world sees this as ICBM, I'm happy to provide it.

Secondly, in reference to being opposed to sanctions on North Korea – this Council all knows we have done repeated resolutions, and nothing has happened. If you are happy with North Korea's actions, veto it. If you want to be a friend to North Korea, veto it. But if you see this as a threat, if you see this for what it is, which is North Korea showing its muscle, then you need to stand strong and vote with the international community to strengthen sanctions on North Korea.

And if you choose not to, we will go our own path. But it makes no sense to not join together on this threat against North Korea. They have not had any care for Russia or China in this, they have not listened to anything that you've said. They're not going to listen to anything that you say. And so it's time that we all stand together and say we will not put up with this action. To sit there and oppose sanctions, or to sit there and go in defiance of a new resolution means you're holding the hands of Kim Jong Un.

Thank you.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

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Brian Hook will be on overseas travel until July 15th with limited access to email. Please call Raniesha Battle at 202-647-2372 if you need further assistance.

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Readout of Ambassador Yun's Meeting with Russian DFM Morgulov

(SBU) Special Representative Yun met with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Morgulov on July 6

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[redacted] Thanks for letting me know. B5

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Subject: Re: DPRK demarche cable - EAP pulling it back

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On Jul 7, 2017, at 7:00 AM, Madyun, Munir D <MadyunMD@state.gov> wrote:

Ok, thx.
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hill, Fiona . EOP/NSC [redacted] B6
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 1:10 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: Re: Russian DFM Morgulov on NK

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Many thanks. See you soon.

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> On Jul 7, 2017, at 6:57 AM, Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov> wrote:
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> To: "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov<mailto:HookBH@state.gov>>, "Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC" [redacted] B6
> Cc: "Thornton, Susan A" <ThorntonSA@state.gov<mailto:ThorntonSA@state.gov>>, "Peterlin, Margaret JA" <PeterlinMJA@state.gov<mailto:PeterlinMJA@state.gov>>, "Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC" [redacted] B6
> Subject: FW: Russian DFM Morgulov on NK
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> Brian, Matt: This is a quick summary of our NK discussions with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Morgulov, in case it comes up with [redacted] Best, Joe B1 1.4(D)
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> Readout of Ambassador Yun's Meeting with Russian DFM Morgulov
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From: Hook, Brian H
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Subject: Re: DPRK demarche cable - EAP pulling it back

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Cc: EAP-Press
Subject: RE: Clearance Request - PG for Moon's Engagement Offer from Berlin Speech

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Bob

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Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: RE: Morgulov Meeting PG Clearance 9:50

Good to go for D. Thanks, Kate

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From: Swaine, Kelly M
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:55 AM
To: Mungara, Suraj S <MungaraS@state.gov>; Cartin, Joshua M <CartinJM@state.gov>; Sullivan, Rayne A <SullivanRA@state.gov>; Applegate, James D <ApplegateJD@state.gov>; Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>; Nanavatty, Katharine B <NanavattyKB@state.gov>; EUR-Press <EUR-Press-DL@state.gov>; Green, Eric F <greene@state.gov>; Fischer, Emily A <FischerEA@state.gov>; EAP-EP-Office-DL <EAP-EP-Office-DL@state.gov>
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Subject: RE: Morgulov Meeting PG Clearance 9:50

Thanks – Emily – EP – let us know if you have any concerns.

Best;
Kelly

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Kelly,

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From: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Turner, Julie E (DRL)
Subject: FW: Putin warns against 'losing cool' on N.Korea (AFP)

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To: StateOpsSubscriptions-DoNotReply@state.gov
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News Tickers

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Putin warns against 'losing cool' on N.Korea (AFP)

HAMBURG (AFP) - Russian President Vladimir Putin Friday underlined the importance of staying calm in the North Korea crisis, saying nuclear-armed Pyongyang should be dealt with in a "pragmatic" manner.

"The North Korea nuclear problem is very serious. But here, one must not lose his cool, but rather act in a pragmatic and delicate manner," said Putin during a meeting with South Korean President Moon Jae-In.

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Subject: RE: [Clearance Requested by 4:30 PM Today, Friday, July 7th] Demarche on U.S. Priorities for the ASEAN-Related Ministerial Meetings, August 6-7

Fine for s/p, with some minor suggested edits attached. I note that [redacted] B5
[redacted], yet there are no talking points to back that up. Should there be? Best, B5

Dan

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Equities below:



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Thank you for your help with the process. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Clear for MTS. Thanks

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Regards,
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Andrew,

I clear **with** the attached edits, noting that [redacted] Happy to chat as well. B5

Best,

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Dear Colleagues,

EAP/MLA is requesting your clearance on this Demarche on the Secretary's travel to the upcoming ASEAN-Related Ministerial Meetings. This Demarche is for all countries participating in the ASEAN Regional Forum as well as the East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Meeting, the U.S.-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, and the Lower Mekong Initiative Ministerial Meeting. The draft demarche is attached to this email.

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Thank you for your help with the process. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Yes, that would be great, 4 p.m. is fine but 3:45 is even better (the weekend starts early in S/P). Best,

Dan

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Dan,

If you're interested, I can swing by later this afternoon (maybe 4?) and give you the top line summary of the DPRK story.

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Dear Colleagues,

For your clearance by 2pm, Monday – please find attached a QFR from Senator Leahy. Question cited below. Please note that L/CA and L/EB have already cleared, with David Wells in L/EB credited as the architect of the draft response.

Question 37:

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Thank you,
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Senator Patrick Leahy (#37)
Senate Committee on Appropriations, Foreign Operations
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PRESS BRIEFING
BY SECRETARY OF STATE TILLERSON
AND SECRETARY OF TREASURY MNUCHIN
ON THE PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS AT THE G20

Hamburg Messe
Hamburg, Germany

7:18 P.M. CET

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Hi, everybody. I just want to highlight very briefly, and then Secretary Tillerson will go on, and then afterwards we'll both answer a few questions.

But President Trump has had a very, very significant few days. I think, as you know, we went to Poland on Wednesday. In Poland, he met with 12 different leaders. We had bilats with Croatia and with Poland, as well as 10 other leaders at the Three Seas Conference where we talked about energy -- the importance of the energy markets, the importance of supplying independent energy, infrastructure and opportunities there. I think, as you know, the speech which was just incredibly well-received, is part of our "America First But America Not Alone."

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Then coming here, the President has had very significant meetings at the G20 already. Yesterday, we had the opportunity to meet with Chancellor Merkel and her team. It was a very, very productive and friendly meeting. There were lots of areas for us to collaborate on that were very clear. We talked about economic issues, we talked about trade. We had a very productive dinner last night -- Secretary Tillerson, myself, General McMaster -- with President Moon Jae-in and Prime Minister Abe and their teams, discussing the importance of what's going on in North Korea and the issues there. And then today we've had, already, several other bilats, and tomorrow we have another six.

The President also participated in a very important session today on trade and an important session on the environment and the economy. So I would just generally say we've had very productive economic meetings. There's been very substantive issues discussed. The North Korea issue has been discussed very significantly, about the escalation in North Korea.

And with that, I will turn it over to Secretary Tillerson to talk about his meetings, and afterwards we'll take some questions.

SECRETARY TILLERSON: Thank you, Steve, and thanks for staying with us late these evening.

President Trump and President Putin met this afternoon for 2 hours and 15 minutes here on the sidelines of the G20. The two leaders exchanged views on the current nature of the U.S.-Russia relationship and the future of the U.S.-Russia relationship.

They discussed important progress that was made in Syria, and I think all of you have seen some of the news that just broke regarding a de-escalation agreement and memorandum, which was agreed between the United States, Russia and Jordan, for an important area in southwest Syria that affects Jordan's security, but also is a very complicated part of the Syrian battlefield.

This de-escalation area was agreed, it's well-defined, agreements on who will secure this area. A ceasefire has been entered into. And I think this is our first indication of the U.S. and Russia being able to work together in Syria. And as a result of that, we had a very lengthy discussion regarding other areas in Syria that we can continue to work together on to de-escalate the areas and violence once we defeat ISIS, and to work together toward a political process that will secure the future of the Syrian people.

As a result, at the request of President Putin, the United States has appointed -- and you've seen, I think, the announcement of Special Representative for Ukraine, Ambassador Kurt Volker. Ambassador Volker will draw on his decades of experience in the U.S. Diplomatic Corps, both as a representative to NATO and also his time as a permanent political appointment.

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The two leaders also acknowledged the challenges of cyber threats and interference in the democratic processes of the United States and other countries, and agreed to explore creating a framework around which the two countries can work together to better understand how to deal with these cyber threats, both in terms of how these tools are used to in interfere with the internal affairs of countries, but also how these tools are used to threaten infrastructure, how these tools are used from a terrorism standpoint as well.

The President opened the meeting with President Putin by raising the concerns of the American people regarding Russian interference in the 2016 election. They had a very robust and lengthy exchange on the subject. The President pressed President Putin on more than one occasion regarding Russian involvement. President Putin denied such involvement, as I think he has in the past.

The two leaders agreed, though, that this is a substantial hindrance in the ability of us to move the Russian-U.S. relationship forward, and agreed to exchange further work regarding commitments of non-interference in the affairs of the United States and our democratic process as well as those of other countries. So more work to be done on that regard.

I'd be happy to take your questions. You're going to referee, Sean?

Q Mr. Secretary, Nick Waters (ph) from Bloomberg News. Can you tell us whether President Trump said whether there would be any consequences for Russia to the interference in the U.S. election? Did he spell out any specific consequences that Russia would face? And then also, on the Syria ceasefire, when does it begin? And what makes you think the ceasefire will succeed this time when past U.S.-Russian agreements on a ceasefire have failed?

SECRETARY TILLERSON: With regard to the interference in the election, I think the President took note of actions that have been discussed by the Congress. Most recently, additional sanctions that have been voted out of the Senate to make it clear as to the seriousness of the issue. But I think what the two Presidents, I think rightly, focused on is how do we move forward; how do we move forward from here. Because it's not clear to me that we will ever come to some agreed-upon resolution of that question between the two nations.

So the question is, what do we do now? And I think the relationship -- and the President made this clear, as well -- is too important, and it's too important to not find a way to move forward -- not dismissing the issue in any way, and I don't want to leave you with that impression. And that is why we've agreed to continue engagement and discussion around how do we secure a commitment that the Russian government has no intention of and will not interfere in our affairs in the future, nor the affairs of others, and how do we create a framework

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in which we have some capability to judge what is happening in the cyber world and who to hold accountable. And this is obviously an issue that's broader than just U.S.-Russia, but certainly we see the manifestation of that threat in the events of last year.

And so I think, again, the Presidents rightly focused on how do we move forward from what may be simply an intractable disagreement at this point.

As to the Syria ceasefire, I would say what may be different this time, I think, is the level of commitment on the part of the Russian government. They see the situation in Syria transitioning from the defeat of ISIS, which we are progressing rapidly, as you know. And this is what really has led to this discussion with them as to what do we do to stabilize Syria once the war against ISIS is won.

And Russia has the same, I think, interest that we do in having Syria become a stable place, a unified place, but ultimately a place where we can facilitate a political discussion about their future, including the future leadership of Syria.

So I think part of why we're -- and again, we'll see what happens as to the ability to hold the ceasefire. But I think part of what's different is where we are relative to the whole war against ISIS, where we are in terms of the opposition's, I think, position as to their strength within the country, and the regime itself.

In many respects, people are getting tired. They're getting weary of the conflict. And I think we have an opportunity, we hope, to create the conditions in this area, and the south is I think our first show of success. We're hoping we can replicate that elsewhere.

MR. SPICER: Abby.

Q Mr. Secretary, you spoke, when you were speaking of the ceasefire, about they're being detailed information about who would enforce it. Can you give any more information on what conclusions were reached? And you spoke of the future leadership of Syria. Do you still believe that Assad has no role in their government?

SECRETARY TILLERSON: I would like to defer on the specific roles in particular of security forces on the ground, because there is -- there are a couple of more meetings to occur. This agreement, I think as you're aware, was entered into between Jordan, the United States, and Russia. And we are -- we have a very clear picture of who will provide the security forces, but we have a few more details to work out. And if I could, I'd like to defer on that until that is completed.

I expect that will be completed within the next -- less than a week. The talks are very active and ongoing.

And your second question again?

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Q Does the administration still believe that Assad has no role in the future government of Syria?

SECRETARY TILLERSON: Yes, our position continues to be that we see no long-term role for the Assad family or the Assad regime. And we have made this clear to everyone -- we've certainly made it clear in our discussions with Russia -- that we do not think Syria can achieve international recognition in the future. Even if they work through a successful political process, the international community simply is not going to accept a Syria led by the Assad regime.

And so if Syria is to be accepted and have a secure -- both a secure and economic future, it really requires that they find new leadership. We think it will be difficult for them to attract both the humanitarian aid, as well as the reconstruction assistance that's going to be required, because there just will be such a low level of confidence in the Assad government. So that continues to be the view.

And as we've said, how Assad leaves is yet to be determined, but our view is that somewhere in that political process there will be a transition away from the Assad family.

Q Thank you. Demetri Sevastopulo, Financial Times. On North Korea, did President Putin agree to do anything to help the U.S. to put more pressure on North Korea? And secondly, you seem to have reached somewhat of an impasse with China in terms of getting them to put more pressure on North Korea. How are you going to get them to go beyond what they've done already? And what is President Trump going to say to President Xi on that issue tomorrow?

SECRETARY TILLERSON: We did have a pretty good exchange on North Korea. I would say the Russians see it a little differently than we do, so we're going to continue those discussions and ask them to do more.

Russia does have economic activity with North Korea, but I would also hasten to add Russia's official policy is the same as ours -- a denuclearized Korean Peninsula.

And so I think here, again, there is a difference in terms of view around tactics and pace, and so we will continue to work with them to see if we cannot persuade them as to the urgency that we see.

I think with respect to China, what our experience with China has been -- and I've said this to others -- it's been a bit uneven. China has taken significant action, and then I think for a lot of different reasons, they paused and didn't take additional action. They then have taken some steps, and then they paused. And I think in our own view there are a lot of, perhaps, explanations for why those pauses occur. But we've remained very closely engaged with China, both through our dialogues that have occurred face-to-face, but also on the telephone. We speak very frequently with them about the situation in

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North Korea.

So there's a clear understanding between the two of us of our intent. And I think the sanctions action that was taken here just in last week to 10 days certainly got their attention in terms of their understanding our resolve to bring more pressure to bear on North Korea by directly going after entities doing business with North Korea, regardless of where they may be located. We've continued to make that clear to China that we would prefer they take the action themselves. And we're still calling upon them to do that.

So I would say our engagement is unchanged with China, and our expectations are unchanged.

Q And you haven't given up hope?

SECRETARY TILLERSON: No, we have not given up hope. When you're in an approach like we're using -- and I call it the peaceful pressure campaign. A lot of people like to characterize it otherwise, but this is a campaign to lead us to a peaceful resolution. Because if this fails, we don't have very many good options left. And so it is a peaceful pressure campaign, and it's one that requires calculated increases in pressure, allow the regime to respond to that pressure. And it takes a little time to let these things happen. You enact the pressure; it takes a little while for that to work its way through.

So it is going to require some level of patience as we move this along, but when we talk about our strategic patience ending, what we mean is we're not going to just sit idly by, and we're going to follow this all the way to its conclusion.

Q Thank you. Mr. Secretary, I have issue -- you just mentioned on the DPRK. We note China and Russia recently said -- they asked North Korea to stop the -- to freeze, actually, the nuclear activities, and also they asked the U.S. to stop the deployment of THAAD system. So did President Putin bring up his concern about the deployment of THAAD system? And also, what's the expectation of President Trump on tomorrow's meeting with President Xi Jinping, other than the DPRK issue? Thank you.

SECRETARY TILLERSON: The subject of THAAD did not come up in the meeting with President Putin.

In terms of the progress of North Korea and this last missile launch, again, those are some of the differences of views we have between ourselves in terms of tactics -- how to deal with this. President Putin, I think, has expressed a view not unlike that of China, that they would support a freeze for freeze.

If we study the history of the last 25 years of engagement with various regimes in North Korea, this has been done before. And every

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time it was done, North Korea went ahead and proceeded with its program.

The problem with freezing now -- if we freeze where they are today, we freeze their activities with a very high level of capability. And we do not think it also sets the right tone for where these talks should begin. And so we're asking North Korea to be prepared to come to the table with an understanding that these talks are going to be about how do we help you chart a course to cease and roll back your nuclear program? That's what we want to talk about. We're not interested in talking about how do we have you stop where you are today. Because stopping where they are today is not acceptable to us.

MR. SPICER: Margaret.

Q Margaret Talev with Bloomberg. Mr. Secretary, could you give us a roadmap? Did you agree on a next set of talks between the President and Mr. Putin? And I guess I have kind of like a fluffy, color question on general impressions. We thought this was a 30-minute meeting. It ended up being 2 hours and 16 minutes. That's a lot of time to watch those two leaders interact and also to just -- whatever. Any insights on all those? Also, real quickly, any update on the dachas? Are they getting them back? And on Ukraine sanctions, any resolution or progress on those? Thanks.

SECRETARY TILLERSON: Okay, so the first question?

Q Next talks.

SECRETARY TILLERSON: Next talks. There's no agreed next meeting between the Presidents. There are agreed subsequent follow-up meetings between various working-level groups at the State Department. We agreed to set up a working-level group to begin to explore this framework agreement around the cyber issue and this issue of non-interference. So those will be ongoing with various staff levels.

Q Who's leading that? Is that Rob Joyce on the U.S. side?

SECRETARY TILLERSON: Well, it will be out of the State Department and --

Q State.

SECRETARY TILLERSON: And the national security advisor's office.

As to the nature of the 2 hours and 15 minutes, first let me characterize -- the meeting was very constructive. The two leaders, I would say, connected very quickly. There was a very clear positive chemistry between the two. I think, again -- and I think the positive thing I observed -- and I've had many, many meetings with President Putin before -- is there was not a lot of re-litigating of the past. I think both of the leaders feel like there's a lot of things in the past

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that both of us are unhappy about. We're unhappy, they're unhappy.

I think the perspective of both of them was, this is a really important relationship. Two largest nuclear powers in the world. It's a really important relationship. How do we start making this work? How do we live with one another? How do we work with one another? We simply have to find a way to go forward. And I think that was -- that was expressed over and over, multiple times, I think by both Presidents, this strong desire.

It is a very complicated relationship today because there are so many issues on the table. And one of the reasons it took a long time, I think, is because once they met and got acquainted with one another fairly quickly, there was so much to talk about -- all these issues. Just about everything got touched on to one degree or another. And I think there was just such a level of engagement and exchange, and neither one of them wanted to stop. Several times I had to remind the President, and people were sticking their heads in the door. And I think they even -- they sent in the First Lady at one point to see if she could get us out of there, and that didn't work either. (Laughter.)

Q Is that true?

SECRETARY TILLERSON: But -- yes, it's true. But it was --

Q What was the timetable?

SECRETARY TILLERSON: Well, we went another hour after she came in to see us. (Laughter.) So clearly she failed.

But I think -- what I've described to you, the 2 hours and 15 minutes, it was an extraordinarily important meeting. I mean, there's just -- there's so much for us to talk about. And it was a good start. Now, I will tell you we spent a very, very lengthy period on Syria, with a great amount of detailed exchange on the agreement we had concluded today -- it was announced -- but also where we go, and trying to get much greater clarity around how we see this playing out and how Russia sees it playing out, and where do we share a common view and where do we have a difference, and do we have the same objectives in mind.

And I would tell you that, by and large, our objectives are exactly the same. How we get there, we each have a view. But there's a lot more commonality to that than there are differences. So we want to build on the commonality, and we spent a lot of time talking about next steps. And then where there's differences, we have more work to get together and understand. Maybe they've got the right approach and we've got the wrong approach.

So there was a substantial amount of time spent on Syria, just because we've had so much activity going on with it.

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MR. SPICER: Peter.

Q Thank you very much. Mr. Secretary, can you say if the President was unequivocal in his view that Russia did interfere in the election? Did he offer to produce any evidence or to convince Mr. Putin?

SECRETARY TILLERSON: The Russians have asked for proof and evidence. I'll leave that to the intelligence community to address the answer to that question. And again, I think the President, at this point, he pressed him and then felt like at this point let's talk about how do we go forward. And I think that was the right place to spend our time, rather than spending a lot of time having a disagreement that everybody knows we have a disagreement.

MR. SPICER: Thank you, guys, very much. Have a great evening.

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Thanks Jason.

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Ben,

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Thanks,
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Thank you,
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Thanks Jenifer.

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FYI –latest UNOFFICIAL Transcript of S REMARKS Today in Hamburg. See highlighted S responses on DPRK- and China-related q's. This is PARTIAL, Press Office will send FULL Transcript as soon as it comes off the wire. Please consider this INTERNAL. WHITE HOUSE will release the official transcript.

(Do you 7th Floor Important People have your owns feeds for this stuff?)

Thanks,
Justin

Secretary Of State Rex Tillerson And Secretary Of The Treasury Steve Mnuchin Hold A News Briefing At The G-20 Summit, Hamburg, Germany
Participants: Secretary Of State Rex Tillerson; Secretary Of The Treasury Steve Mnuchin; White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer
Time: 2:19 pm EDT, Date: Friday, July 7th, 2017

Press Briefing Sec. of State Rex Tillerson and Sec. of the Treasury Steve Mnuchin
July 7, 2017 at G20 Summit

MNUCHIN: Hi, everybody. I just want to highlight very briefly and then Secretary Tillerson will go on and then afterwards we'll both answer a few questions. But President Trump has had a very, very significant few days. I think as you know, we went to Poland on Wednesday. In Poland he met with 12 different leaders. We had bilats with Croatia and with Poland, as well as 10 other leaders at the Three Seas conference, where we talked about energy, the importance of the energy market, the importance of supplying independent energy, infrastructure and opportunities there. I think as you know, the speech, which was just incredibly well received, is part of our America first, but America not alone. Then coming here, the president has had very significant meetings at the G-20 already. Yesterday he had the opportunity to meet with Chancellor Merkel and her team. It was a very, very productive and friendly meeting. There were lots of areas for us to collaborate on that were very clear. We talked about economic issues, we talked about trade. We had a very productive dinner last night -- Secretary Tillerson, myself, General McMaster -- with the -- with President Moon Jae-in and Prime Minister Abe and their teams on North -- discussing the importance of what's going on in North Korea and the issues there. And then today we've had several other bilats and tomorrow we have another six. The president also

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participated in a very important session today on trade and an important session on the environment and the economy. So, I would just generally say we've had a very productive economic meetings. There have been very substantive issues discussed. The North Korea issue has been discussed very significantly, about de-escalation in North Korea. And with that, I will turn it over to Secretary Tillerson to talk about his meetings. And afterwards we'll take some questions.

TILLERSON: Thank you, Steve. And thanks for staying with us late this evening. President Trump and President Putin met this afternoon for two hours and 15 minutes here on the sidelines of the G- 20. The two leaders exchanged views on the -- the current nature of the U.S.-Russia relationship and the future of the U.S.-Russia relationship. They discussed important progress that was made in Syria. And I think all of you have seen some of the news that just broke regarding an -- a de-escalation agreement and memorandum which was agreed between the United States, Russia and Jordan for an important area in southwest Syria that affects Jordan's security, but also is a very complicated part of the -- of the Syrian battlefield. This de-escalation area was agreed. It's well-defined -- agreements on who will secure this area. A cease-fire has been entered into. And I think this is our first indication of the U.S. and Russia being able to work together in Syria. And as a result of that, we had a very lengthy discussion regarding other areas in Syria that we can continue to work together on, to de-escalate the areas and the violence, once we defeat ISIS, and to work together towards a political process that will secure the future of the Syrian people. As a result -- at the request of the -- of President Putin, the United States has appointed -- and you've seen, I think, the announcement -- a special representative for Ukraine, Ambassador Kurt Volker. Ambassador Volker will draw on his decades of experience in the U.S. diplomatic corps, both at the -- as a representative to NATO, and also his time as -- as a permanent political appointment. The two leaders also acknowledged the challenges of cyber threats and interference in the democratic processes of the United States and other countries, and agreed to explore creating a framework around which the two countries can work together to better understand how to deal with these cyber threats, both in terms of how these tools are used to interfere with the internal affairs of countries, but also how these tools are used to threaten infrastructure, how these tools are used from a terrorism standpoint, as well. The president opened the meeting with President Putin by raising the concerns of the American people regarding Russian interference in the 2016 election. They had a very robust and lengthy exchange on the subject. The president pressed President Putin on more than one occasion regarding Russian involvement. President Putin denied such involvement, as I think he has in the past. The two leaders agreed, though, that this is a substantial hindrance in the ability of us to move the Russian-U.S. relationship forward, and agreed to exchange further work regarding commitments of noninterference in the affairs of the United States and our democratic process, as well as those of other countries. So more work to be done in that regard. I'm happy to take your questions. You going to referee, Sean?

SPICER: (OFF-MIKE)

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, (inaudible) from Bloomberg News. Can you tell us whether President Trump said there would be any -- said whether there would be any consequences for Russia for the interference in the U.S. election? Any specific consequences that Russia will face? And then also, on the Syrian cease-fire, when does it begin? And what makes you think that the cease-fire will succeed this time, when in the past (inaudible) agreements about cease-fire have failed?

TILLERSON: With regard to the interference in the election, I think, you know, the president took note of actions that had been discussed by the Congress -- most recently, additional sanctions that have been voted out of the Senate -- to make it clear as to the seriousness of the issue. But I think what the -- what the two presidents, I think rightly, focused on is, how do we move forward? How do we move forward from here? Because it's -- it's not clear to me that we will ever come to some agreed-upon resolution of that question between the two nations. So the question is, what do we do now? And I think the relationship -- and the president made this clear as well -- is too important. And it's too important to not find a way to move forward. Not dismissing the issue in any way, and I don't want to leave you with that impression. And that is why we've agreed to continue engagement and discussion around how do we secure a commitment that the -- the Russian government has no intention of, and will not, interfere in our affairs in the future, nor the affairs of others, and how do we create a framework in which we have some capability to judge what is happening in the cyber world and who to hold accountable. And this is obviously an issue that's broader than just U.S.-Russia. But it's -- certainly we see the manifestation of that threat in the events of last year. And so I -- I think, again, the president's rightly focused on how do we move forward from what may be simply an intractable disagreement, at this

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point. As to the Syria cease-fire, I would say what -- what may be different this time, I think, is the level of commitment on the part of the Russian government. They see the situation in Syria transitioning from the defeat of ISIS, which -- we are progressing rapidly, as you know. And -- and this is what really has led to this discussion with them as to what do we do to stabilize Syria once the war against ISIS is won. And Russia has the same, I think, interest that we do in having Syria become a stable place, a unified place, but ultimately a -- a place where we can facilitate a political discussion about their future, including the future leadership of Syria. So I think part of why we're -- and again, we -- we'll see what happens, as to the ability to hold the cease-fire. But I think part of what's different is -- is where we are, relative to the whole war against ISIS, where we are in terms of the opposition's, I think, position, as to their strength within the country, and the regime itself. You know, in many respects, people are getting tired. They're getting weary of the conflict. And I think we have an opportunity, we hope, to create the conditions. And this area in the south is our first -- I think, our first show of success. We're hoping we can replicate that elsewhere.

SPICER: (inaudible).

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, you spoke, when you were (inaudible) the cease-fire, about there being detailed information of how to reinforce it (ph). Can you give any more information on what conclusions were reached? And you spoke of the future leadership of Syria. Do you still believe that Assad has no role in the Syrian (ph) government?

TILLERSON: I would like to defer on the specific roles, in particular, of security forces on the ground, because there is -- there are a couple of more meetings to occur. This agreement, I think, as you are aware, was entered into between Jordan, the United States and Russia. And we are -- we have a very clear picture of who will provide the security forces. But we have a few more details to work out. And if I could, I'd like to defer on that until that is completed. I expect that will be completed within the next -- less than a week. The talks are very active and ongoing. And your second question, again?

QUESTION: (OFF-MIKE). Does the administration still believe that Assad has no role on the future government of Syria?

TILLERSON: Yes. Our -- our position continues to be that we see no long-term role for the Assad family or the Assad regime. We just -- and we have made this clear to everyone. We've certainly made it clear in our discussions with Russia, that we do not think Syria can achieve international recognition in the future -- even if they work through a successful political process, you know, the international community simply is not going to accept a Syria led by the Assad regime. And so, if Syria is to be accepted and -- and have a -- a -- a secure -- both secure and economic future, it really requires that they find new leadership. We think it'll be difficult for them to attract both the humanitarian aid as well as the reconstruction assistance that's going to be required, because there just will be such a low level of confidence in the Assad government. So that continues to be the view. And as we've said, how Assad leaves is yet to be determined. But our view is that, somewhere in that political process, there'll be a transition away from the Assad family.

SPICER: (OFF-MIKE)

QUESTION: Demitri Sevastopulo, Financial Times. On North Korea, did President Putin agrees to do anything to help the U.S. to put more pressure on North Korea? And secondly, you seem to have reached somewhat of an impasse with China in terms of getting them to put more (ph) pressure on North Korea. How are you going to get them to go beyond what they've done already? And what is President Trump going to say to President Xi on that issue tomorrow?

TILLERSON: We did have a -- a pretty good exchange on North Korea. I would say the Russians see it a little differently than we do. So we're going to continue those discussions and ask them to do more. Russia does have economic activity with North Korea. But I would also hasten to add Russia's official policy is the same as ours: a denuclearized Korean Peninsula. And so I think, here, again, there is a difference in terms of view around tactics and pace. And so we will continue to work with them to see if we cannot persuade them as to the urgency that we see. I think with respect to China, what our experience with China has been -- and I've said this to others -- it's -- it's been a bit uneven. China has taken significant action, and then I think, for a lot of different reasons, they've paused and -- and didn't take additional action. They then have taken some steps, and then they've paused. And there are -- I think, in our own view, there are a

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lot of, perhaps, explanations for why those pauses occur. But we've -- we've remained very closely engaged with China, both through our dialogues that have occurred face-to-face, but also on the telephone. We speak very frequently with them about the situation in North Korea. So, there's a clear understanding between the two of us of our intent, and I think the sanctions action that was taken here just in the last week to 10 days certainly got their attention, in terms of their understanding our resolve to bring more pressure to bear on North Korea by directly going after entities doing business with North Korea, regardless of where they may be located. We've continued to make that clear to China, that we would prefer they take the actions themself. And we're still calling upon them to do that. So I would say we -- our engagement is unchanged with China, and our expectations are unchanged.

QUESTION: And you haven't given up hope?

TILLERSON: No, we have not given up hope. You know, when you're in an -- in an approach like we're using -- and I call it the peaceful pressure campaign; a lot of people like to characterize it otherwise. But this is a campaign to lead us to a peaceful resolution because, if this fails, we don't have very many good options left. And so, it is a peaceful pressure campaign. And it's one that requires calculated increases in pressure, allow the regime to respond to that pressure. And it takes a little time to let these things happen. You know, you enact the pressure, it takes a little while for that to work its way through. So, it is going to require some level of patience as we move this along. But when we talk about our strategic patience ending, what we mean is we're not just going to sit idly by, and we're going to follow this all the way to its conclusion.

SPICER: (OFF-MIKE)

QUESTION: Thank you, Sean. Mr. Secretary, (inaudible) we know the -- China and Russia recently said they -- they -- they asked North Korea to stop the -- to freeze, actually, the -- the nuclear activities. And also, they asked the U.S. to stop the deployment of the THAAD system. So did President Putin bring up his concern about the deployment of the THAAD system? And also, what's the expectation of President Trump -- tomorrow's meeting with President Xi Jinping and Abe, other than the DPRK (inaudible)? Thank you.

TILLERSON: The subject of THAAD did not come up in the meeting with President Putin. In terms of -- of the -- the progress of North Korea and this last missile launch, again, those are some of the differences of views we have between ourselves in terms of tactics, how to deal with this. President Putin, I think, has expressed a view not unlike that of China, that they would support a freeze for freeze. If we study the history of the last 25 years of engagement with various regimes in North Korea, this has been done before. And every time it was done, North Korea went ahead and proceeded with its program. The problem with freezing now, if we freeze where they are today, we freeze their activities with a very high level of capability. And we do not think it also sets the right tone for where these talks should begin. And so, we're -- we're asking North Korea to be prepared to come to the table with an understanding that these talks are going to be about, "How do we help you chart a course to cease and roll back your nuclear program?" That's what we want to talk about. We're not interested in talking about, "How do we have you stop where you are today?" because stopping where they are today is not acceptable to us.

SPICER: Margaret?

QUESTION: Thank you. Mr. Secretary -- Margaret Talev with Bloomberg. Could you give us a road map? Did you agree on a next set of talks of the president and Mr. Putin? And (inaudible) question on general impressions, we thought this was a 30-minute meeting. It ended up being two hours and 16 minutes. It's a long time to watch those two leaders interact (inaudible) just, you know, whatever. Any insights on that (ph)? Also (inaudible) any update on the (inaudible) Ukraine sanctions, any resolution (inaudible)? Thanks.

TILLERSON: OK. So the first question...

QUESTION: Next talks...

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TILLERSON: ... next talks. There's no -- there's no agreed next meeting between the presidents. There are agreed subsequent follow-up meetings between various working-level groups at the State Department. We agreed to set up a working-level group to begin to explore this framework agreement around the cyber issue, and this issue of noninterference. So those will be ongoing at -- with various staff levels.

QUESTION: Who's leading that? Is that Rob Joyce on the U.S. side, or...

TILLERSON: Well, in -- it will be out of the State Department and the national security adviser's office. As to the nature of the two hours and 15 minutes, first, let me characterize, the -- the meeting was very constructive. The -- the two leaders, I would say, connected very quickly. There was a very clear positive chemistry between the two. I think, again -- and -- and I think the positive thing I observed -- and I've had many, many meetings with President Putin before -- is there was not a lot of relitigating of the past. I think both of the leaders feel like there's a lot of things in the past that both of us are unhappy about. We're unhappy; they're unhappy. I think the -- the perspective of both of them was, this is a really important relationship. Two largest nuclear powers in the world; it's a really important relationship. How do we start making this work? How do we live with one another? How do we work with one another? We -- we simply have to find a way to go forward. And I think that was -- that was expressed over and over, multiple times, I think, by both presidents -- this strong desire. It is a very complicated relationship today because there are so many issues on the table. But I think -- and one of the reasons it took a long time, I think, is because, once they met and -- and got acquainted with one another fairly quickly, there was so much to talk about. All these issues -- just about everything got touched on to one degree or another. And I think there was just such a level of engagement and exchange, neither one of them wanted to stop. Several times, I -- I had to remind the president -- people were sticking their heads in the door, and I think they even -- they sent in the first lady at one point, to see if she could get us out of there, and that didn't work either.

QUESTION: Is that true?

TILLERSON: But -- yes, it's true. But -- but it was...

(CROSSTALK)

TILLERSON: Well, we went another hour after she came in to see us...

(LAUGHTER)

... so clearly she failed. But I think, you know, my -- what -- what I've described to you, the two hours and 15 minutes, it was an extraordinarily important meeting. I mean, there's just -- there's so much for us to talk about. And it was a good start. Now, I would tell you, we spent a very, very lengthy period on Syria, with a great amount of detail exchanged on the agreement we had concluded today that was announced, but also where we go, and trying to get much greater clarity around how we see this playing out and how Russia sees it playing out, and where do we share a common view, and where do we have a difference and do we have the same objectives in mind. And I would tell you that, by and large, our objectives are exactly the same. How we get there, we each have a view. But there's a lot more commonality to that than there are differences. So we want to build on the commonality, and we spent a lot of time talking about next steps. And then, where there's differences, we have more work to get together and understand. Maybe they've got the right approach and we've got the wrong approach. So there was a substantial amount of time spent on Syria, just because it's -- we've had so -- so much activity going on with it.

SPICER: (OFF-MIKE)

QUESTION: Thank you very much. On -- Secretary, you said the president was unequivocal in his view that Russia did interfere in the election. Did he offer to produce any evidence (inaudible)?
TILLERSON: The -- the Russians have asked for proof and evidence. I'll leave that to the intelligence community to address, on the answer to that question. And, again, I think the -- I think the president, at this point -- he pressed him

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and then, you know, felt like, at this point, let's -- let's talk about how do we go forward. And I think that was the right place to spend our time, rather than spending a lot of time having a disagreement that -- everybody knows we have a disagreement.

SPICER: Thank you guys very much. And have a great evening.

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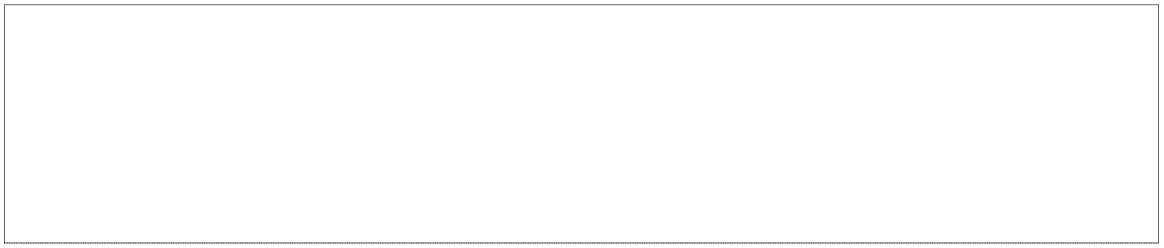
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Should we schedule a pre-paper chat with the bureau, like what was done for the G-20? What's your sense of how worthwhile that was?

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Eva – This looks good to my inexperienced eye.

Lucia

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I will ask the Line Trip Team to draft and clear today a tasker for the Manila trip as follows. Will add additional paper as other bilats determined and/or additional stops on the trip. Let me know if you want to add/change anything.

I will ask that paper be due to the Line on Thursday July 20 so we have time to work it between S/ES and S staff the following week and **submit the book to S COB Thursday July 27**. This is 5 biz days before August 4 departure. Thanks Eva

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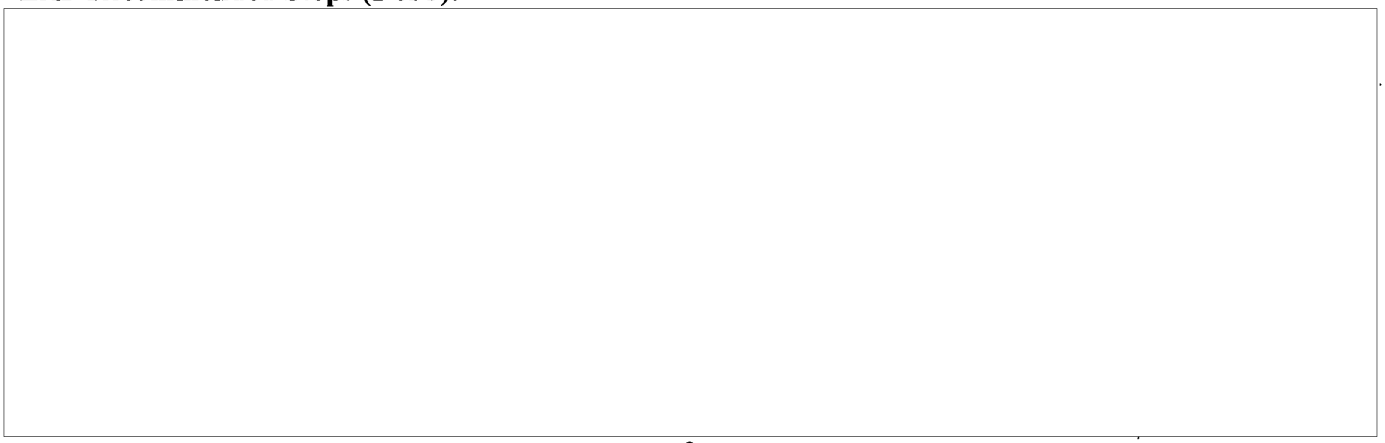
Lucia - I will ask EAP to send this up as an AM recommending additional stops and bilat meetings at the ASEAN ministerials, but want to share it with you now for awareness.

Attached is the **notional agenda for the ASEAN ministerials August 6-7**. This is essentially four different multilats in two days. Where there are times indicated, those meeting times have been set by the organizers. EAP also includes a handy Venn diagram to illustrate the intersection of the different groupings.

EAP proposes two additional stops after Manila. They offer three options, listed in priority order and with their justifications. I need to work with EX on travel time and crew rest to see how much further this extends the trip. Right now, with no additional stops, the party would depart JBA August 4 at 11:00 am and return JAB August 9 at 9:30 pm. Additional day stops are likely to require RONs for crew rest. Notional flight itinerary at bottom.

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Nice of him to do that.

On Jul 8, 2017, at 7:25 PM, Hammond, R.C. <HammondRC@state.gov> wrote:

Ed Rogers: All eyes are on Rex Tillerson



Secretary of State Rex Tillerson at a news conference at the State Department in Washington on June 21. (Cliff Owen/Associated Press)

July could be a pivotal month for Donald Trump's presidency and Rex Tillerson's tenure as secretary of state, to say nothing of American history. Between this week's Group of 20 meeting, President Trump's highly anticipated encounter with Russian President Vladimir Putin and a new level of threat coming from North Korea, sure-footed, knowledgeable diplomacy is in high demand and more important now than any time since last year's election.

Generally, I have been a fan of Tillerson. He is an adult in the room and, importantly, seems immune from all the barking that takes place in Washington. Tillerson is steady, is knowledgeable and moves at his own pace. But that pace, or the lack of a faster one, has become a source of criticism.

Washington thinks of itself as so vitally important that empty blocks in the federal bureaucracy's organization chart can only mean that a vital government function is not being carried out.

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Godspeed, Tillerson.

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From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 1:31 PM
To: Hook [redacted] B6
Subject: Fwd: Ed Rogers: All eyes are on Rex Tillerson

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>
Date: July 8, 2017 at 7:25:56 PM GMT+2
To: "Peterlin, Margaret JA" <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>, "Williams, Meredith B" <WilliamsMB@state.gov>, "Mowers, Matthew D" <MowersMD@state.gov>, "Waters, Mary K" <WatersMK@state.gov>, "Ciccone, Christine M" <CicconeCM@state.gov>, "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>, "Inglee, William B" <IngleeWB@state.gov>
Subject: Ed Rogers: All eyes are on Rex Tillerson

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Secretary of State Rex Tillerson at a news conference at the State Department in Washington on June 21. (Cliff Owen/Associated Press)

July could be a pivotal month for Donald Trump's presidency and Rex Tillerson's tenure as secretary of state, to say nothing of American history. Between this week's Group of 20 meeting, President Trump's highly anticipated encounter with Russian President Vladimir Putin and a new level of threat coming from North Korea, sure-footed, knowledgeable diplomacy is in high demand and more important now than any time since last year's election.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Nauert, Heather N
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Hammond, R.C.; Whiton, Christian
Cc: Espinosa, Caroline M; Inglee, William B; Ciccone, Christine M
Subject: Re: Uhlmann

Thanks, Christian

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From: Whiton, Christian <WhitonC@state.gov>
Date: July 9, 2017 at 10:21:44 AM EDT
To: Nauert, Heather N <NauertHN@state.gov>, Hammond, R.C. <HammondRC@state.gov>
Cc: Inglee, William B <IngleeWB@state.gov>, Ciccone, Christine M <CicconeCM@state.gov>, Espinosa, Caroline M <EspinosaCM2@state.gov>
Subject: FW: Uhlmann

A prominent Australian "journalist" who works for their version of the BBC had a hissy fit about the President at the G20 and it seems to have gone viral, topping Twitter's trending list. I asked our EAP DAS who covers Australia for background on the guy, which is enclosed below.

This should be long forgotten by Heather's next briefing, but if questions persist and a response is desired, you might stress that the reporter is out of step with his own government. Australian Prime Minister Malcom Turnbull and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop have spoken repeatedly about warm relations with the Trump Administration. President Trump and Turnbull had a good meeting on the USS Intrepid Museum in May. Bishop was one of the first foreign ministers with whom the Secretary met on taking office and they have a warm working relationship. We are cooperating closely on issues like North Korea, China, and counter-terrorism. (We actually have a trade surplus with Australia.) Bishop pledged to work closely with us "to ensure we can both implement strong border-protection policies," and Australia's treasurer said that President Trump's moves to tighten immigration compliance showed the world was "catching up to Australia." At AUSMIN, Secs. Tillerson and Mattis saw eye-to-eye on all key topics with their Australian counterparts.

As for criticisms about Paris, Australia has a particularly carbon-intensive economy and emits more carbon per person and more carbon per unit of economic output than the United States. Our energy revolution will improve jobs, the economy, and the environment not just here but globally...

Christian

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From: Matthews, Matt J
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Whiton, Christian
Subject: Re: Uhlmann

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Matt Matthews
Ambassador for APEC and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands

From: Whiton, Christian
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2017 7:35 AM
To: Matthews, Matt J
Cc: Higgins, Justin
Subject: Fwd: Uhlmann

Matt,

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Christian

From: Christian Whiton
Date: July 9, 2017 at 7:29:59 AM EDT
To: Whiton, Christian <WhitonC@state.gov>
Subject: Uhlmann

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Saperstein, Sarah E; Brown, Clinton S; Piazza, Lucia C
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: RE: DPRK Memo

Hi, I tried to put it back in your queue on Fri. Perhaps I misfired?

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From: Saperstein, Sarah E
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>; Piazza, Lucia C <PiazzaLC@state.gov>; Kenna, Lisa D <kennald@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: DPRK Memo

All – EAP, per AA/S Thornton, [redacted] B5

[redacted] It will come back up to us through the Line today. B5

Best,

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Questions for the Record Submitted to
Secretary of State Rex Tillerson by
Senator Van Hollen (#19)
U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee
June 18, 2017

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Question:

Why has the administration not put in place a more aggressive secondary sanctions regime against North Korea, given your acknowledgement that North Korea poses the greatest threat to U.S. security? Is the administration prepared to force Chinese banks to choose between working with North Korea or losing access to the U.S. banking system?

Answer:

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D: K Nanavatty
P: D McCandless
S/P: D Biers
EAP/CM: J Hwang ok
L/EAP: B Harris
L/EB: D Wells ok
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ISN: S Kim
EB: E Tabron ok
H: A Bhatt ok

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Lindsey, Steve
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Biers, Dan L
Subject: FW: Briefing Materials for the Secretary's Trip to Manila August 4-9, 2017
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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:08 PM
To: TTL-1A <TTL-1A@state.gov>
Subject: Briefing Materials for the Secretary's Trip to Manila August 4-9, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

The attached tasker assigns responsibilities for the preparation of briefing materials for the Secretary's Trip to Manila August 4-9, 2017. **Fully cleared papers are due via CLASSIFIED e-mail to SES-Line_Only no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20.**

The EAP paper coordinator is **Douglas Blackburn** (ext. **7-6600**).

Thank you,
Executive Secretariat Staff, Room 7241
202-647-8879

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United States Department of State

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MEMORANDUM TO: **The Office of the Secretary**
The Office of the Deputy Secretary
All Under Secretaries
The Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance
All Assistant Secretaries
The Office of the Legal Adviser
The Office of Policy Planning
The Office of the Chief of Protocol
All Special Representatives and Special Envoys

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SUBJECT: **(SBU) Briefing Materials for the Secretary's Trip to Manila, August 4-9, 2017.**

EAP COORDINATOR: **Douglas Blackburn, ext. 7-6600**

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(SBU) This memorandum assigns responsibilities for the preparation of briefing materials for the Secretary's August 4-9 trip to Manila. There may be additional briefing materials tasked as meetings are confirmed and scheduled; this tasker is not a final confirmation of meetings.

(U) Bureaus wishing to clear on briefing materials should notify the bureau coordinator within 24 hours of the tasker being issued.

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VI. BASEBALL CARDS

(SBU) Drafting bureaus should prepare the following Baseball Cards. Baseball Cards contain brief substantive points to be raised if the opportunity arises in the Secretary's interactions with foreign counterparts. They should cover topics specific to the trip, as well as topics of regional or global concern. The bureau coordinator should send cleared Baseball Cards to the bureau coordinator via UNCLASSIFIED email and copy the S/ES-S coordinator and SES-Line_Only.

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BC 01	Brunei Sultan Bolkiah	EAP	
BC 02	Cambodia Foreign Minister Sokhonn	EAP	
BC 03	Indonesia Foreign Minister Marsudi	EAP	
BC 04	Laos Foreign Minister Saleumxay	EAP	
BC 05	Malaysia Foreign Minister Anifah Aman	EAP	
BC 06	Myanmar Foreign Minister Aung San Suu Kyi	EAP	
BC 07	Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs Cayetano	EAP	
BC 08	Singapore Foreign Minister Balakrishnan	EAP	
BC 09	Thailand Foreign Minister Don	EAP	
BC 10	Vietnam Foreign Minister Minh	EAP	

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BC 14	Australia Foreign Minister Bishop	EAP	
BC 15	India External Affairs Minister Swaraj	EAP	
BC 16	New Zealand Foreign Minister Brownlee	EAP	
BC 17	Russia Foreign Minister Lavrov	EUR	
BC 18	European Union	EUR	EAP
BC 19	Bangladesh	SCA	EAP
BC 20	Pakistan	SCA	EAP
BC 21	Sri Lanka	SCA	EAP
BC 22	DPRK	EAP	
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BC 25	Timor-Leste	EAP	
BC 26	Canada	WHA	EAP

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Approved: S/ES: Karin Lang

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Lindsey, Steve
Subject: RE: FLASH!!! H20170710LRM002: H Tasking due 1pm TODAY: Draft North Korea Sanctions bill (Van Hollen/Toomey)

Steve, this came in after the deadline [redacted] B5

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To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: FW: FLASH!!! H20170710LRM002: H Tasking due 1pm TODAY: Draft North Korea Sanctions bill (Van Hollen/Toomey)
Importance: High

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From: State-LRM
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:19 AM
To: H_Tasking-EB <H_Tasking-EB@state.gov>; H_Tasking-EAP <H_Tasking-EAP@state.gov>; H_Tasking-ISN <H_Tasking-ISN@state.gov>; H_Tasking-L <H_Tasking-L@state.gov>; H_Tasking-IO <H_Tasking-IO@state.gov>; H_Tasking-CA <H_Tasking-CA@state.gov>; H_Tasking-DRL Staff Assistants <H_Tasking-DRLStaffAssistants@state.gov>; DCSP <DCSP@state.gov>; P_Officers <P_Officers@state.gov>; H_Tasking-SP <H_Tasking-SP@state.gov>; H_Tasking-F <H_Tasking-F@state.gov>; Zarzecki, Thomas <ZarzeckiT@state.gov>; Zarzecki, Thomas <ZarzeckiT@state.gov>; Kraut, Benjamin <KrautB@state.gov>; Oudkirk, Sandra S <OudkirkSS@state.gov>; Hsieh, Audrey <HsiehA1@state.gov>; Harper, Steven F <HarperSF@state.gov>; Mihailescu, Andrea R <MihailescuAR@state.gov>; Gile, Robertson S <GileRS@state.gov>; Wells, David L <WellsDL@state.gov>; Wachtel, Howard <wachtelh@state.gov>
Cc: Schwab, Carol M <SchwabCM@state.gov>; Bhatt, Aakash <BhattAN@state.gov>; State-LRM <State-LRM@state.gov>
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Importance: High

Many of you received the attached draft Van Hollen/Toomey legislation on DPRK sanctions over the weekend. We understand that this could be introduced in the Senate this week. If you have not already reviewed it and provided comments to State-LRM and Carol Schwab, **please do so no later than 1pm today.** H has also already contacted bureau representatives for a 3 pm State-only conference call to discuss our views.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Lanchantin, Shawn R
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Shufflebarger, Jamie
Cc: Loyet, Cynthia J; Irving, Earl M
Subject: Re: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Shufflebarger, Jamie
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Lanchantin, Shawn R
Cc: Loyet, Cynthia J; Irving, Earl M
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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From: Lanchantin, Shawn R
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Shufflebarger, Jamie <ShufflebargerJ@state.gov>
Cc: Loyet, Cynthia J <LoyetCJ@state.gov>
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

Hi Jamie,

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From: Irving, Earl M
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Loyet, Cynthia J; Lanchantin, Shawn R; Wohlers, Marion J

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Cc: SCPR-D-DL; Lord, Peter W; Finley, Allen C; Shufflebarger, Jamie
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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Kind regards,

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From: Loyet, Cynthia J
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:20 AM
To: Irving, Earl M; Lanchantin, Shawn R
Cc: SCPR-D-DL; Lord, Peter W; Finley, Allen C; Loyet, Cynthia J; Shufflebarger, Jamie
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

Hello All,

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Best Regards,

Cynthia J. Loyet
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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:08 AM
To: Lanchantin, Shawn R <LanchantinSR@state.gov>
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From: Roberts, Asel K
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Irving, Earl M; SCPR-D-DL
Cc: Shufflebarger, Jamie; Lord, Peter W; Nelson, Lynn A; Brissette, Laura A
Subject: Re: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Irving, Earl M
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 17:56
To: SCPR-D-DL
Cc: Shufflebarger, Jamie; Lord, Peter W; Nelson, Lynn A; Brissette, Laura A
Subject: FW: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

The Deputy Secretary will receive the Foreign Minister of Ethiopia Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu on Thursday, July 13, in his office at 11:00AM. Please arrange for appropriate courtesies to be extended to the foreign minister. He will be accompanied by the Ethiopian Ambassador to the U.S., Mr. Girma Birru; the Director for the Americas in the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry; Mr. Tebege Berhe; and the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Ethiopian Embassy to the U.S., Mr. Reta Alemu Nega.

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From: Loyet, Cynthia J
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 9:12 AM
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Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 9:09 AM
To: Irving, Earl M; Shufflebarger, Jamie; Cintora, Emily K
Cc: Lord, Peter W; Wall, Amanda J; Loyet, Cynthia J
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

Good Morning Earl,

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The Deputy Secretary is available to meet the Foreign Minister of Ethiopia on July 13 at 11:00-11:30 am in the Deputy's office.

Please reach out to the Ethiopian Embassy and advise if this time is convenient. If it works, please advise Protocol, so they can coordinate the visit. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Cynthia J. Loyet
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From: Irving, Earl M
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:21 AM
To: Shufflebarger, Jamie <ShufflebargerJ@state.gov>; Cintora, Emily K <CintoraEK@state.gov>; Loyet, Cynthia J <LoyetCJ@state.gov>
Cc: Lord, Peter W <LordPW@state.gov>
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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From: Shufflebarger, Jamie
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Cintora, Emily K; Loyet, Cynthia J
Cc: Irving, Earl M
Subject: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

Emily and Earl, I know the BCL is still working its way through the system, but Deputy Sullivan has agreed to meet with FM Workneh next week. Please work with our scheduler Cindi (cc'd) to find a mutually acceptable time, I'll also loop in a protocol contact.

Thank you,

Jamie

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:18 PM
To: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: FW: [Review] 10 S-Parolin Call Sheet (003)
Attachments: 2017 07 10 S-Parolin Call Sheet (003).docx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Some changes and a question or two. S still in dinner.

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From: Saperstein, Sarah E
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:00 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>; Piazza, Lucia C <PiazzaLC@state.gov>
Subject: [Review] 10 S-Parolin Call Sheet (003)

Tad –

Attached, please find the Parolin Call Sheet for your review.

Thank you.

Sarah
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(SBU) The Secretary's Call Sheet for
Holy See Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin
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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Shufflebarger, Jamie
Cc: Jacobsen, Amanda
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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From: Shufflebarger, Jamie
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Irving, Earl M
Cc: Jacobsen, Amanda
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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From: Loyet, Cynthia J
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:20 AM
To: Irving, Earl M; Lanchantin, Shawn R
Cc: SCPR-D-DL; Lord, Peter W; Finley, Allen C; Loyet, Cynthia J; Shufflebarger, Jamie
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

Hello All,

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Best Regards,

Cynthia J. Loyet
Personal Assistant to the Deputy Secretary
Office of the Deputy Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
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From: Irving, Earl M
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:08 AM
To: Lanchantin, Shawn R <LanchantinSR@state.gov>
Cc: SCPR-D-DL <SCPR-D-DL@state.gov>; Lord, Peter W <LordPW@state.gov>; Loyet, Cynthia J <LoyetCJ@state.gov>
Subject: FW: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

Hi Shawn,

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Kind regards,

Earl M. Irving, US Ambassador, Ret. • U.S. State Department • AF/E • Senior Ethiopia Desk Officer
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From: Roberts, Asel K
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Irving, Earl M; SCPR-D-DL
Cc: Shufflebarger, Jamie; Lord, Peter W; Nelson, Lynn A; Brissette, Laura A
Subject: Re: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Irving, Earl M
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 17:56
To: SCPR-D-DL
Cc: Shufflebarger, Jamie; Lord, Peter W; Nelson, Lynn A; Brissette, Laura A
Subject: FW: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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The Deputy Secretary will receive the Foreign Minister of Ethiopia Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu on Thursday, July 13, in his office at 11:00AM. Please arrange for appropriate courtesies to be extended to the foreign minister. He will be accompanied by the Ethiopian Ambassador to the U.S., Mr. Girma Birru; the Director for the Americas in the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry; Mr. Tebege Berhe; and the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Ethiopian Embassy to the U.S., Mr. Reta Alemu Nega.

Kind regards,

Earl M. Irving, US Ambassador, Ret. • U.S. State Department • AF/E • Senior Ethiopia Desk Officer
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From: Loyet, Cynthia J
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 9:12 AM
From: Loyet, Cynthia J
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 9:09 AM
To: Irving, Earl M; Shufflebarger, Jamie; Cintora, Emily K
Cc: Lord, Peter W; Wall, Amanda J; Loyet, Cynthia J
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

Good Morning Earl,

The Deputy Secretary is available to meet the Foreign Minister of Ethiopia on July 13 at 11:00-11:30 am in the Deputy's office.

Please reach out to the Ethiopian Embassy and advise if this time is convenient. If it works, please advise Protocol, so they can coordinate the visit. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Cynthia J. Loyet
Personal Assistant to the Deputy Secretary
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From: Irving, Earl M
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:21 AM
To: Shufflebarger, Jamie <ShufflebargerJ@state.gov>; Cintora, Emily K <CintoraEK@state.gov>; Loyet, Cynthia J <LoyetCJ@state.gov>
Cc: Lord, Peter W <LordPW@state.gov>
Subject: RE: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

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From: Shufflebarger, Jamie
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Cintora, Emily K; Loyet, Cynthia J
Cc: Irving, Earl M
Subject: D Accepts Ethiopian FM Meeting

Emily and Earl, I know the BCL is still working its way through the system, but Deputy Sullivan has agreed to meet with FM Workneh next week. Please work with our scheduler Cindi (cc'd) to find a mutually acceptable time, I'll also loop in a protocol contact.

Thank you,

Jamie

Jamie Shufflebarger
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 5:02 PM
To: Barnes, Riley M; DeWine, LeighAnne
Subject: RE: Draft SFRC Statement

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Correct!!

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From: Barnes, Riley M
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L <NeidhartJL@state.gov>; DeWine, LeighAnne <DeWineL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft SFRC Statement

Thanks Jen – I can send out now.

On the Bureaus, wouldn't it be someone from EAP, not SRAP, for the China/North Korea references?

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From: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Barnes, Riley M <BarnesRM@state.gov>; DeWine, LeighAnne <DeWineL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft SFRC Statement

HI Riley,

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From: Barnes, Riley M
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:53 PM
To: DeWine, LeighAnne <DeWineL@state.gov>; Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L <NeidhartJL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft SFRC Statement

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Thanks!

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From: DeWine, LeighAnne
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L <NeidhartJL@state.gov>; Barnes, Riley M <BarnesRM@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft SFRC Statement

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From: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:37 AM
To: DeWine, LeighAnne; Barnes, Riley M
Subject: RE: Draft SFRC Statement

Thanks, Riley.

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From: DeWine, LeighAnne
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Barnes, Riley M <BarnesRM@state.gov>; Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L <NeidhartJL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft SFRC Statement

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Leigh Anne

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From: Barnes, Riley M
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L
Cc: DeWine, LeighAnne
Subject: Draft SFRC Statement

Hi Jen and LeighAnne –

As mentioned, please find draft statement attached. Thanks LeighAnne for sending the initial draft. I took a lot of it, but shortened to make it closer to the range needed.

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I'm not sure of the Deputy Secretary's pace, but would assume this is closer to the 7-8 minute mark. It's usually easier to cut than to add, so I left it.a bit long. And as already mentioned, we can always submit the longer version as his prepared statement.

Let me know what else you need, or any edits that need incorporating.

Thanks,

Riley

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:28 PM
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Subject: FW: Briefing Materials for the Secretary's Trip to Manila August 4-9, 2017
Attachments: Briefing Materials for the Secretary's Trip to Manila August 4-9 2017 KL.docx

The first thing I thought when I saw this: we should block off this week.

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From: SES-Line_Tasker
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:08 PM
To: TTL-1A <TTL-1A@state.gov>
Subject: Briefing Materials for the Secretary's Trip to Manila August 4-9, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

The attached tasker assigns responsibilities for the preparation of briefing materials for the Secretary's Trip to Manila August 4-9, 2017. **Fully cleared papers are due via CLASSIFIED e-mail to SES-Line_Only no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20.**

The EAP paper coordinator is **Douglas Blackburn** (ext. **7-6600**).

Thank you,
Executive Secretariat Staff, Room 7241
202-647-8879

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM TO: **The Office of the Secretary**
The Office of the Deputy Secretary
All Under Secretaries
The Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance
All Assistant Secretaries
The Office of the Legal Adviser
The Office of Policy Planning
The Office of the Chief of Protocol
All Special Representatives and Special Envoys

SUBJECT: **(SBU) Briefing Materials for the Secretary's Trip to Manila, August 4-9, 2017.**

EAP COORDINATOR: **Douglas Blackburn, ext. 7-6600**

S/ES-S COORDINATOR: **Nina Diaz, ext. 7-8338**
Jodi Breisler, ext. 7-7732
Carolyn Brosious, ext. 7-8722
Alex Goldberg, ext. 7-8063

(SBU) This memorandum assigns responsibilities for the preparation of briefing materials for the Secretary's August 4-9 trip to Manila. There may be additional briefing materials tasked as meetings are confirmed and scheduled; this tasker is not a final confirmation of meetings.

(U) Bureaus wishing to clear on briefing materials should notify the bureau coordinator within 24 hours of the tasker being issued.

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VI. BASEBALL CARDS

(SBU) Drafting bureaus should prepare the following Baseball Cards. Baseball Cards contain brief substantive points to be raised if the opportunity arises in the Secretary's interactions with foreign counterparts. They should cover topics specific to the trip, as well as topics of regional or global concern. The bureau coordinator should send cleared Baseball Cards to the bureau coordinator via UNCLASSIFIED email and copy the S/ES-S coordinator and SES-Line_Only.

	Baseball Cards (BC)	Draft	Clear
	Manila		
BC 01	Brunei Sultan Bolkiah	EAP	
BC 02	Cambodia Foreign Minister Sokhonn	EAP	
BC 03	Indonesia Foreign Minister Marsudi	EAP	
BC 04	Laos Foreign Minister Saleumxay	EAP	
BC 05	Malaysia Foreign Minister Anifah Aman	EAP	
BC 06	Myanmar Foreign Minister Aung San Suu Kyi	EAP	
BC 07	Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs Cayetano	EAP	
BC 08	Singapore Foreign Minister Balakrishnan	EAP	
BC 09	Thailand Foreign Minister Don	EAP	
BC 10	Vietnam Foreign Minister Minh	EAP	

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BC 11	China Foreign Minister Wang Yi	EAP	
BC 12	Republic of Korea Foreign Minister Kang	EAP	
BC 13	Japan Foreign Minister Kishida	EAP	
BC 14	Australia Foreign Minister Bishop	EAP	
BC 15	India External Affairs Minister Swaraj	EAP	
BC 16	New Zealand Foreign Minister Brownlee	EAP	
BC 17	Russia Foreign Minister Lavrov	EUR	
BC 18	European Union	EUR	EAP
BC 19	Bangladesh	SCA	EAP
BC 20	Pakistan	SCA	EAP
BC 21	Sri Lanka	SCA	EAP
BC 22	DPRK	EAP	
BC 23	Mongolia	EAP	
BC 24	Papua New Guinea	EAP	
BC 25	Timor-Leste	EAP	
BC 26	Canada	WHA	EAP

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Approved: S/ES: Karin Lang

Drafted: S/ES-S: Dani Maniscalco, Ext. 7-3916

Cleared: EAP: EAP Staffers

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:35 PM
To: Shufflebarger, Jamie
Subject: FW: Clearance request - 12pm 7/11 -QFRs on the UNHRC
Attachments: QFR Leahy S HRC June 2017.docx

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From: Creedon, Sarah R
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Agurkis, Julie <AgurkisJ@state.gov>; Shufflebarger, Jamie <ShufflebargerJ@state.gov>; Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L <NeidhartJL@state.gov>; Peterson, Chad S <PetersonCS@state.gov>; Spangler, Christopher <SpanglerCM@state.gov>
Subject: Clearance request - 12pm 7/11 -QFRs on the UNHRC

Hello,

Could you please provide your clearance on the attached QFRs in response to questions from Sen. Leahy on the Human Rights Council by noon tomorrow, July 11?

Thank you,

Sarah

Sarah R. Creedon.
Senior Advisor and Multilateral Team Lead
Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL)
Office of Multilateral and Global Affairs (MLGA)
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Questions for the Record Submitted to

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson by

Senator Patrick Leahy (Question number 72)

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

June 13, 2017

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Question:

Some have argued that the U.S. should withdraw from the UN Human Rights Council. Over the past six years though, we have seen a number of positive outcomes from U.S. engagement. The Council voted to dispatch a team to investigate human rights violations committed by ISIS in Iraq; continues to scrutinize and bring attention to the dire human rights situation in Iran; authorized a groundbreaking investigation into human rights violations in North Korea; created a mechanism to push for the prevention and elimination of child and forced marriage, and saw a dramatic reduction in the number of special sessions on Israel. This record of success is markedly different than when the U.S. was not involved in the Council from 2007-2009. While the Council still has its flaws, the overwhelming view of human rights organizations is the U.S. should continue to engage with it. Do you agree?

Answer:

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:29 PM
To: Applegate, James D
Subject: Re: [redacted]

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Thx James.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2017, at 10:33 AM, Applegate, James D <ApplegateJD@state.gov> wrote:

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From: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:19 AM
To: Applegate, James D
Subject: [redacted]

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James,

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Thanks, Kate

Kate Nanavatty
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 29, 2019

Case No. F-2017-14066

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated March 27, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed over 500 potentially responsive pages, and retrieved 107 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that the responsive information in 51 documents may be released in full, the responsive information in 53 documents may be released in part, and the responsive information in 3 documents must be withheld in full.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. The documents withheld in full were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 1 and 5, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1) and (b)(5). All non-exempt, responsive material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Christopher Hair at Christopher.Hair@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2017-14066, and the civil action number, 18-cv-01321, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

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Nauert, Heather N

From: Shiozaki, Mai
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 6:19 PM
To: mvlee@ B6
Cc: Sturm, Frankie
Subject: RE: Taken Question -- 6/27 on TIP Report

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Hi, Matt.

Apologies, I should have informed you that the information below is on background only.

Thanks again for your question.

Mai

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From: Shiozaki, Mai
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 5:28 PM
To: 'mvlee@ B6
Cc: Sturm, Frankie
Subject: Taken Question -- 6/27 on TIP Report

Hi, Matt.

Many thanks for your question today on the Tier 3 restrictions. Here is our response. You can also access the 2016 Presidential Determination here.

Q: Were any countries sanctioned last year as a result of the TIP report rankings?

A:

- On June 30, 2016, former Secretary of State John Kerry submitted to Congress the 2016 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report, which identified 27 countries as "Tier 3" because the governments of those countries did not fully comply with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act's (TVPA) minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking in persons and were not making significant efforts to do so. The Tier 3 countries are Algeria, Belarus, Belize, Burma, Burundi, the Central African Republic (CAR), Comoros, Djibouti, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Iran, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Russia, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe.

- Last year (2016) former President Obama determined **not to waive any of the restrictions** under the TVPA for the DPRK and Iran.

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- Former President Obama determined to **partially waive restrictions** under the TVPA for Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Russia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe.

- Former President Obama determined to **fully waive restrictions** under the TVPA for Algeria, Belarus, Belize, Burma, Burundi, CAR, Comoros, Djibouti, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, PNG, Suriname, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Exercising this waiver authority will promote the purposes of the TVPA or is otherwise in the national interest of the United States.

For your convenience, I am adding some background on the Tier 3 restrictions:

- The TVPA requires the President to submit to appropriate congressional committees notification of determinations regarding restrictions for the government of each country placed on Tier 3 in the annual TIP Report.

- The President may determine under the TVPA, among other things, that the United States will withhold non-humanitarian, nontrade-related foreign assistance; and will instruct the United States Executive Directors of international financial institutions to vote against and use best efforts to deny any loan or other utilization of the funds for a Tier 3 country. For countries, the government of which received no non-humanitarian, nontrade-related foreign assistance during the previous fiscal year, the President may also determine not to provide funding for participation by government officials or employees in educational and cultural exchange programs.

- The TVPA also authorizes the President to make determinations to waive restrictions under the TVPA, in whole or in part, in order to promote the purposes of the TVPA, or because to do so is otherwise in the national interest of the United States.

- The potential impact of restrictions under the TVPA – on a broad range of programs including security sector assistance and health and environmental initiatives – is carefully evaluated before the President makes waiver determinations. In each instance in which the President has determined that a full or partial waiver of funding restrictions is appropriate, he has determined that the waiver will promote the purposes of the TVPA or is otherwise in the national interest of the United States.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best,

Mai Shiozaki
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Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
U.S. Department of State
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Nauert, Heather N

From: OpsBrief
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 3:51 AM
To: SES-O
Subject: CHINA SUSPENDS FUEL SALES TO DPRK (SBU)

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CHINA SUSPENDS FUEL SALES TO DPRK

(SBU) State-owned China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC) suspended sales of diesel and gasoline to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) over concerns the company won't get paid, media report. If true, Embassy Beijing comments this is the first time that CNPC has suspended exports of both commodities to the DPRK. Beijing banned imports of DPRK coal in February, but has not moved to disrupt trade of other commodities, including export of crude oil, which many experts regard as a powerful lever over the DPRK. There are reports of fuel shortages within the DPRK. ***(Consulate Shenyang, Embassy Beijing, Reuters)***

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Nauert, Heather N

From: Jacobson, Tracey A
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 5:26 PM
To: Nauert, Heather N
Subject: Policy Priorities for UNGA 72 High-Level Week
Attachments: Mydocument.pdf

Hi Heather – Attached please find the UNGA priorities memo we discussed. Have a good weekend.
TJ

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June 22, 2017

ACTION MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: IO – Tracey Ann Jacobson, Acting

SUBJECT: (SBU) Policy Priorities for UNGA 72 High-Level Week

Background
(SBU) Identifying policy priorities before UNGA 72 in September will ensure the Department utilizes UNGA High-Level Week to advance the Administration's key objectives in a coordinated, effective manner. Department bureaus, USUN, and the rest of the interagency will look to your UNGA priorities to synchronize messaging for multilateral UNGA engagements and senior-level bilateral meetings. IO will disseminate the approved UNGA goals and objectives to Department bureaus and overseas missions, who will then inform other UN member states and solicit their priorities.

Recommendation
(SBU) That you approve policy priorities to guide the Department's engagement during UNGA 72 High-Level Week (September 18-22). IO recommends the following policy priorities for your consideration:

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Approved:	IO/FO: Tracey Ann Jacobson, Acting	
Drafted:	IO/UNP: Jeff Hay, 7-0045, [redacted]	B6
Cleared:	IO/FO: Greg Thome	(ok)
	IO/FO: Laurel Rapp	(ok)
	IO/UNP: Brian Grimm	(ok)
	IO/UNP: Matt Walsh	(ok)
	D: Deputy Sullivan	(ok)
	P: U/S Shannon	(ok)
	S/P: Steve Lindsey	(info by request)
	AF/ERA: Carlton Philadelphia	(info)
	CSO/APPL: Vasu Vaitla	(ok)
	CT: Justin Siberell	(ok)
	EAP/K: Andrew Hay	(ok)
	EAP/RSP: Borchien Lai	(ok)
	EUR/PGI: Johnnetta Abbey	(ok)
	IO/HRH: William Mozdzierz	(ok)
	IO/HRH: Elizabeth Campbell	(ok)
	IO/MPR: Ted Faris	(ok)
	IO/PSC: Ed Bestic	(ok)
	IO/PSC: Matthew Ouimet	(ok)
	IO/PSC: Rebecca Patterson	(ok)
	IO/PSC: Jeremey Brenner	(ok)
	IO/PSC: Dan Haney	(ok)
	IO/UNP: Lauren Triner Dunham	(ok)
	IO/UNP: Matt Johnson	(ok)
	IO/UNP: Scott Duncan	(ok)
	NEA/IPA: Colin Eilts	(ok)
	NEA/ELA: Boening, Emily	(info)
	NEA/LEV: Scott Leo	(ok)
	NEA/RMA: Lauren Catalano	(ok)
	PRM/MCE: Margaret Pollack	(ok)
	S/SEIPN:	(info)
	S/SECI: Terry Wolff	(ok)
	S/USSESSS: Robert Ruehle	(ok)
	SCA/RA: Elizabeth Sullivan	(ok)
	WHA/PPC: Scott Miller	(ok)
	NSC: Rachel Grant	(ok)
	USUN/EXEC: David Glaccum	(ok)
	USUN/EXEC: Rebecca Schimsa	(ok)
	USUN: Matthew Miller	(ok)

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UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2017-14066 Doc No. C06633506 Date: 04/29/2019
STATE-17-0296-G-000008

Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:05 AM
To: [redacted] Suehl, Andrea Maria
Cc: [redacted] Koziner, Ariane; Khalil, Salman K
Subject: RE: Possible meeting with German Ambassador to the DPRK

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Sounds good, see you tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted] Suehl, Andrea Maria [mailto [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 10:19 PM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Cc [redacted] Koziner, Ariane [redacted]; Khalil, Salman K <KhalilSK@state.gov>
Subject: AW: Possible meeting with German Ambassador to the DPRK

Hello Dan,

great, Ambassador Schäfer will be happy to meet you on Tuesday afternoon! Could we also do 4.45 at your office?
We have meetings at State Department before (Joseph Yun, Mark Lambert and James Applegate) and it will probably take some time to make it from this meeting to your room.

I am adding Salman from the Germany desk who is helping us to organize the meetings at State.

Best wishes and see you Tuesday afternoon Andrea

-----Ursprüngliche Nachricht-----
Von: Biers, Dan L [mailto:BiersDL@state.gov]
Gesendet: Samstag, 24. Juni 2017 02:40
An: [redacted] Suehl, Andrea Maria
Cc: [redacted] Koziner, Ariane
Betreff: Re: Possible meeting with German Ambassador to the DPRK

Hi Andrea,

Thank you for the kind offer. I would be pleased to meet the Ambassador at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon. Do you want to come to my office at room 7311 or elsewhere? Best,

Dan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 23, 2017, at 9:40 AM, [redacted] Suehl, Andrea Maria [redacted] <mailto [redacted] > wrote:

Hello Dan,

thanks again for the good meeting yesterday!

The German Ambassador to DPRK, Thomas Schäfer, is going to be on his annual tour in D.C. next week Monday to Wednesday. We will have meetings with Joseph Yun and colleagues from the Korea desk on Tuesday afternoon.

We were wondering if you would also be interested in meeting Ambassador Schäfer? As the program looks as of now, we could do a

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meeting at 4.30/4.45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27.

Please do let me know if you would be interested and if the time would be convenient for you.

Best wishes
Andrea

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Cobb, William P
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Madyun, Munir D
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Rosner, Zachary A; Chan, Vanna
Subject: RE: Scheduling Korea action

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Munir,

Also, just to minimize confusion, EAP/K thought the following four U.S.-ROK summit events seemed to be the best use of S's time:

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These were part of the AM we sent up a few weeks ago and we suspect the NSC's ExecSec has been in touch regarding specifics for items #2-4 above. Are these events somewhat in line with what you are tracking for the June 29-30 summit?

V/r,

Will

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From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:18 AM
To: Cobb, William P
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Rosner, Zachary A; Chan, Vanna; Rebholz, Jason P
Subject: RE: Scheduling Korea action/Jordan FYI

Thanks bro!

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From: Cobb, William P
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:57 AM

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To: Madyun, Munir D <MadyunMD@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>; Rosner, Zachary A <RosnerZA@state.gov>; Chan, Vanna <ChanV@state.gov>; Rebholz, Jason P <RebholzJP@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Scheduling Korea action/Jordan FYI

Munir,

Great to hear from you - FM Kang now plans to travel to/from the U.S. with ROK President Moon (latest schedule attached). She'll arrive at Andrews 6/28 around 3 p.m., and depart 7/1 around 3 p.m.

FM Kang's preference is to meet with S before the POTUS/Moon activities commence 6/29, making Wednesday after 3pm or Thursday morning her most preferred times. B5

Apologies on any earlier confusion. She had planned to arrive in advance of President Moon until it became apparent she would not be able to meet with S until sometime after Moon's arrival in DC.

As always, thank you - V/r,

Will

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From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Cobb, William P
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: FW: Scheduling Korea action/Jordan FYI

Will, would you please verify Kang's itinerary and availability? The AM says he arrives 6/28, but S staff received separate info indicating differently. It's important we have the totality of Kang's availability B5 if we're going to make this work.

Also, your name looks familiar. Ever do any work on the 7th floor?
Thx

Munir

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:23 AM
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Subject: FW: D/Sugiyama meeting
Attachments: ver. 2 PR .docx

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Hi Greg,

Can you please advise on these press and social media questions – what does D prefer? There are a couple of typos in the PR, and it seems long to me, but otherwise hits right substantive points.

Thank you,
Elizabeth

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From: Rupert, Aaron J
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:01 AM
To: D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>
Cc: Nanavatty, Katharine B <NanavattyKB@state.gov>; Snider-Pugh, Saundra M <Snider-PughSM@state.gov>
Subject: D/Sugiyama meeting

A few items for today's meeting at 4:00pm.

- I sent a few updated points for the BCL for this meeting on the high side, let me know if you need anything else on that issue.

- The EAP Press office would like to post a tweet with D and Sugiyama regarding the meeting, let me know if that works for D. The Japanese approve.

- [redacted] B5
[redacted] Attaching the latest Japanese suggestions – call me at x75239 if you want to talk more about this issue.

- I have name tents for the meeting – let me know if I can give them to you for placement.

- We should talk beforehand re this meeting, let me know what time is convenient.

Thanks,

Aaron Rupert
Political Officer
Office of Japanese Affairs (EAP/J)
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(202) 647-5239
RupertAJ@state.gov

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hammond, Robert C
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Lambert, Mark B; Rebholz, Jason P; Thornton, Susan A
Cc: Voyles, Halima K; Briggs, Alyssa M; Wang, Mimi; Betancourt, Annika R
Subject: RE: Big List of NK Stuff

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From: Lambert, Mark B
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Hammond, Robert C <HammondRC@state.gov>; Rebholz, Jason P <RebholzJP@state.gov>; Thornton, Susan A <ThorntonSA@state.gov>
Cc: Voyles, Halima K <VoylesHK@state.gov>; Briggs, Alyssa M <BriggsAM@state.gov>; Wang, Mimi <WangM@state.gov>; Betancourt, Annika R <BetancourtAR@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Big List of NK Stuff

We double checked [redacted] B5
[redacted] I don't think there is anything else we can add. Regards, Mark

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From: Lambert, Mark B
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Hammond, Robert C; Rebholz, Jason P; Thornton, Susan A
Cc: Voyles, Halima K; Briggs, Alyssa M; Wang, Mimi; Betancourt, Annika R
Subject: RE: Big List of NK Stuff

[redacted] B5
[redacted] Regards, Mark

Mark Lambert
Director
Office of Korean Affairs

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From: Hammond, Robert C
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Rebholz, Jason P; Thornton, Susan A
Cc: Voyles, Halima K; Briggs, Alyssa M; Lambert, Mark B; Wang, Mimi; Betancourt, Annika R
Subject: RE: Big List of NK Stuff

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From: Rebholz, Jason P
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Thornton, Susan A <ThorntonSA@state.gov>; Hammond, Robert C <HammondRC@state.gov>
Cc: Voyles, Halima K <VoylesHK@state.gov>; Briggs, Alyssa M <BriggsAM@state.gov>; Lambert, Mark B <LambertMB@state.gov>; Wang, Mimi <WangM@state.gov>; Betancourt, Annika R <BetancourtAR@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Big List of NK Stuff

Hi RC,

Per your note to Susan [redacted] Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can provide more information. B5

Best,
Jason

Jason P. Rebholz
Deputy Director
Office of Korean Affairs (EAP/K)
O: 202-647-7868
M: [redacted] B6

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From: Thornton, Susan A
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Hammond, Robert C
Cc: Rebholz, Jason P; Voyles, Halima K; Wang, Peter Y. (CD) (FBI); Briggs, Alyssa M; Lambert, Mark B
Subject: Re: Big List of NK Stuff

Yes, am on a plane, but looping those who can send it asap.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Hammond, Robert C
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 09:41
To: Thornton, Susan A
Subject: Big List of NK Stuff

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hammondrc@state.gov
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[redacted] (mobile) B6

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Edwards, Alicia K
Subject: Fwd: Press clips for D from Ohio

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Nanavatty, Katharine B" <NanavattyKB@state.gov>
Date: June 26, 2017 at 2:26:43 PM MDT
To: "EdwardsAK@state.go" <EdwardsAK@state.go>
Cc: "LoGerfo, Gregory D" <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>, D EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>
Subject: Press clips for D from Ohio

Hi Alicia,

I'm checking in on whereabouts of press related to the Deputy Secretary's trip to Ohio for Otto Warmbier's funeral. We had requested a sample of clippings as soon as Eap press could compile.

I apologize if I've missed it-- would you mind sending the package of any press to my fabulous fill in this week, Elizabeth? She can be reached at the D Eap duty state address.

Thanks, Kate

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Edwards, Alicia K" <EdwardsAK@state.gov>
Date: June 22, 2017 at 8:56:49 AM MDT
To: "Snider-Pugh, Saundra M" <Snider-PughSM@state.gov>, "Nanavatty, Katharine B" <NanavattyKB@state.gov>
Cc: "Bell, Zehra H" <BellZH@state.gov>, "Higgins, Justin" <HigginsJX2@state.gov>, EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: For Concurrence: 3PM Today - RE: Coordinating Logistics for D's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador (22nd), Vice Foreign Minister (26th)

EAP/P has no concerns provided D Staff approves.

Thanks,
Alicia

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HST Room 5312, 2201 C St. NW, Washington D.C 20520• 202.647.1028 • EdwardsAK@state.gov

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From: Snider-Pugh, Saundra M
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Edwards, Alicia K; Nanavatty, Katharine B
Cc: Bell, Zehra H; Higgins, Justin; EAP-P-Office-DL
Subject: For Concurrence: 3PM Today - RE: Coordinating Logistics for D's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador (22nd), Vice Foreign Minister (26th)

Colleagues,

Circling back on this – please advise by 3PM today of any concerns with the highlighted text that Japan plans to release Friday morning (Tokyo time; this evening DC time) regarding VFM Sugiyama's meeting with the Deputy Secretary on Monday. Japan Desk has no objections.

Separately, we're not yet received their draft readout.

Best,

Sandy Snider-Pugh
Political Officer
Office of Japanese Affairs
U.S. Department of State

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From: Snider-Pugh, Saundra M
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 11:46 AM
To: Edwards, Alicia K; Nanavatty, Katharine B
Cc: Bell, Zehra H; Higgins, Justin; EAP-P-Office-DL
Subject: RE: Coordinating Logistics for D's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador (22nd), Vice Foreign Minister (26th)

All,

The Japanese provided the language of the press announcement then intend to make on Friday (Tokyo time) which is standard language for them and us:

From June 26 to June 28, Mr. Shinsuke Sugiyama, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, will visit Washington D.C. and exchange opinions on Japan-U.S. relations and regional issues with Mr. John J. Sullivan, Deputy Secretary of State of United States, and others."

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Separately, they noted that VM Sugiyama will likely give a press spray in front of State Department building after the meeting as he usually does. Tokyo is still working on the readout of the meeting and will share with us when ready. I've asked that the readout be general toplines and not specific conversational issues.

Thanks,
Sandy

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From: Edwards, Alicia K
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Nanavatty, Katharine B; Snider-Pugh, Saundra M
Cc: Bell, Zehra H; Higgins, Justin; EAP-P-Office-DL
Subject: RE: Coordinating Logistics for D's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador (22nd), Vice Foreign Minister (26th)

Kate,
We're tracking, thanks. I assume this will appear on Monday's State Department public schedule for the Deputy Secretary, and that we should have ready a hold line (confirming the meeting, general topics they'll discuss) for any queries we might get following the Japanese travel announcement?

Thanks,
Alicia

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From: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Snider-Pugh, Saundra M
Cc: Bell, Zehra H; Higgins, Justin; Edwards, Alicia K
Subject: RE: Coordinating Logistics for D's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador (22nd), Vice Foreign Minister (26th)

Sandy,

On Japan planning to announce the D-VFM Sugiyama meeting, can you please ensure EAP Press and PA have signed off . We'd also – if possible – like to see an advance copy of whatever the Japanese plan to release on Friday.

Thanks, Kate

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From: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:18 AM
To: Snider-Pugh, Saundra M <Snider-PughSM@state.gov>

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Subject: RE: Coordinating Logistics for D's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador (22nd), Vice Foreign Minister (26th)

Sandy,

Defer to you and EAP leadership on messaging to VFM Sugiyama. Be sure to reflect in the BCL.

I'm inquiring on the press front.

Thanks, Kate

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From: Snider-Pugh, Saundra M
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Nanavatty, Katharine B <NanavattyKB@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Coordinating Logistics for D's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador (22nd), Vice Foreign Minister (26th)

Hi Kate,

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Separately, please let us know of any concerns with the Japanese publicly announcing on their Friday morning (our Thursday evening) that VFM Sugiyama will be traveling to meet with the Deputy Secretary.

Best,

Sandy Snider-Pugh
Political Officer
Office of Japanese Affairs
U.S. Department of State

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From: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 6:36 PM
To: Snider-Pugh, Saundra M; Kidd, Patricia E
Cc: Loyet, Cynthia J

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Subject: RE: Coordinating Logistics for D's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador (22nd), Vice Foreign Minister (26th)

Sandy,

I believe Cindi has replied to your first questions about vehicle/escort access.

D's office can accommodate the P+4 request for the Japanese Vice Foreign Minister meeting. Please reflect the latest participation in the BCL that comes up.

Thanks, Kate

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From: Snider-Pugh, Saundra M
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Nanavatty, Katharine B <NanavattyKB@state.gov>; Kidd, Patricia E <KiddPE@state.gov>
Cc: Loyet, Cynthia J <LoyetCJ@state.gov>
Subject: Coordinating Logistics for D's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador (22nd), Vice Foreign Minister (26th)

Hi Kate and Patricia,

Thanks for chatting with me, Kate. To confirm - regarding the two upcoming meetings between the Deputy Secretary and Japanese interlocutors (Japanese Ambassador (22nd) and Vice Foreign Minister (26th)) - the Japan Desk will secure the VIP pins and escort the delegations, in addition to drafting paper and note taking. Could you advise whether we can secure vehicle access to the horseshoe drive for the Japanese vehicles, and who the POC would be for that? I can coordinate directly.

Lastly, please let me know about the seating capacity for the Deputy Secretary's office.

The Japanese are planning to announce on their Friday morning (our Thursday night) that VFM Sugiyama will be traveling to meet with the Deputy Secretary. Please let me know if there are any concerns with the timing of their announcement.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

Sandy Snider-Pugh
Political Officer
Office of Japanese Affairs
U.S. Department of State

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Cartin, Joshua M
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 10:16 AM
To: Biers, Dan L
Subject: RE: where did ely's latest article appear ...

Agree on all counts.

Josh M. Cartin
Special Assistant
Office of the Under Secretary for Political Affairs
(202) 647-4315
cartinjm@state.gov

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From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Cartin, Joshua M <CartinJM@state.gov>
Subject: RE: where did ely's latest article appear ...

Thanks [redacted] B5

[redacted] B5

[redacted] This is an issue that Brian wants me to work on after our policy planning trilat, so there may be an opportunity soon to move the ball. You should work with us, if you are so inclined, as Charlie D did on DPRK, either from your P perch or your new position. B5

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From: Cartin, Joshua M
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: where did ely's latest article appear ...

Ely's page on CFR has all of his recent blogs/pubs. Here's the one I was talking about:

https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/false-choice-war-or-accommodation-south-china-sea

Josh M. Cartin
Special Assistant
Office of the Under Secretary for Political Affairs
(202) 647-4315
cartinjm@state.gov

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From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Cartin, Joshua M <CartinJM@state.gov>
Subject: where did ely's latest article appear ...

.. if you have a link, could you send it? Thanks!

Dan Biers
Member, Policy Planning Staff
Department of State
202-647-3541 (office)
[redacted] (cell)

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Madyun, Munir D; McKay, Roland D
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Applegate, James D; Rebholz, Jason P
Subject: RE: S-Kishida Call Sheet

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My apologies – pls find corrected bullet below, tweaked a bit for clarity:

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From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Hsieh, Audrey; McKay, Roland D
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Applegate, James D; Rebholz, Jason P
Subject: RE: S-Kishida Call Sheet

Can you correct the highlighted? thx

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From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:45 AM
To: McKay, Roland D <McKayRD@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>; Applegate, James D <ApplegateJD@state.gov>; Rebholz, Jason P <RebholzJP@state.gov>
Subject: FW: S-Kishida Call Sheet

Roland,

As discussed. Thanks!!

P has also cleared.

Cheers – Audrey

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From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 2:26 AM
To: EAP-Staffers Mailbox
Cc: Forsberg, Aaron P; Snider-Pugh, Saundra M; Zaring, Noah S; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: S-Kishida Call Sheet

EAP Staffers,

S is scheduled to have a phone call with Japanese FM Kishida between 09:30 and 10:30 this morning regarding the latest DPRK missile launch. To support this call, please find a draft call sheet attached. It has J Desk and K Desk clearances. Other offices were info'd. If these offices reply with substantive edits by 08:00, I will reply all with edits.

Kind Regards,

Audrey

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Wautlet, Michael J; Lee, David Y; EUR-RUS-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Biers, Dan L; Cartin, Joshua M; D EAP Duty Officer
Cc: Lambert, Mark B; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EUR-RUS-POL-DL; EUR-StaffAssistants; Smith, Austin M; Glaccum, David M; Black, Joshua J; Tachco, Amy N
Subject: RE: FOR FLASH Clearance_S Call Sheets with Russian FM and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi

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Thanks Michael. This is immensely helpful.

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From: Wautlet, Michael J
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Hsieh, Audrey; Lee, David Y; EUR-RUS-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Biers, Dan L; Cartin, Joshua M; D EAP Duty Officer
Cc: Lambert, Mark B; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EUR-RUS-POL-DL; EUR-StaffAssistants; Smith, Austin M; Glaccum, David M; Black, Joshua J; Tachco, Amy N
Subject: RE: FOR FLASH Clearance_S Call Sheets with Russian FM and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi

I have attached edits from RUS at the working level, which are on top of those from USUN.

Adding EUR-EE for clearance, and I'm seeking office director RUS clearance now. Due to the time frame, I wanted you to have this now, however.

Mike

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From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Lee, David Y; Wautlet, Michael J; EUR-RUS-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Biers, Dan L; Cartin, Joshua M; D EAP Duty Officer
Cc: Lambert, Mark B; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EUR-RUS-POL-DL; EUR-StaffAssistants; Smith, Austin M; Glaccum, David M; Black, Joshua J; Tachco, Amy N
Subject: RE: FOR FLASH Clearance_S Call Sheets with Russian FM and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi

Huge thanks, David.

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From: Lee, David Y
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Wautlet, Michael J; Hsieh, Audrey; EUR-RUS-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Biers, Dan L; Cartin, Joshua M; D EAP Duty Officer

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Cc: Lambert, Mark B; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EUR-RUS-POL-DL; EUR-StaffAssistants; Smith, Austin M; Glaccum, David M; Black, Joshua J; Tachco, Amy N
Subject: RE: FOR FLASH Clearance_S Call Sheets with Russian FM and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi

Audrey,

Thanks much. Please find USUN edits to both call sheets in the attached – we clear with these edits. A few updates:

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Best,
David

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From: Wautlet, Michael J
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Hsieh, Audrey; EUR-RUS-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Lee, David Y; Biers, Dan L; Cartin, Joshua M; D EAP Duty Officer
Cc: Lambert, Mark B; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EUR-RUS-POL-DL; EUR-StaffAssistants
Subject: Re: FOR FLASH Clearance_S Call Sheets with Russian FM and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi

The Russia call sheet should go through the EUR Front Office. I will work on some additional points.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 11:05 AM
To: EUR-RUS-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Lee, David Y; Biers, Dan L; Cartin, Joshua M; D EAP Duty Officer
Cc: Lambert, Mark B; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; EAP-Staffers Mailbox
Subject: FOR FLASH Clearance_S Call Sheets with Russian FM and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi

Colleagues,

Happy 4th of July!

Please find for your immediate clearance call sheets to support two calls between S and Russian FM Lavrov and S and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi.

Kindly request your clearance on the attached by 11:30 AM **today.** Feel free to call me at: 202-647-0176 with questions and/or comments.

Regards,

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Audrey Hsieh
DPRK Desk Officer
202-647-0176
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:32 PM
To: Yun, Joseph Y; Brown, Clinton S; Thornton, Susan A; Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC
Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: RE: Heading out

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No worries. We are glad to help and definitely support the "blame Kim Jong Un" policy.

From: Thornton, Susan A <ThorntonSA@state.gov>
Date: July 4, 2017 at 6:19:51 PM EDT
To: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC <[redacted]>, Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>, Yun, Joseph Y <YunJY@state.gov>, Applegate, James D <ApplegateJD@state.gov>
Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL <EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Heading out

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I am in office and can follow up here on anything this evening. Thanks to you all and sorry about your holiday. I blame Kim Jong Un.

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From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 5:40 PM
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Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: Heading out

Colleagues,

Mimi and I are heading out for the evening. We are available on BlackBerry if you need us. I live not too far away and can head back to the office if anything requires action.

Thanks for all your help and support today,

James Applegate
DPRK Unit Chief
EAP/K

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SEOUL (Yonhap) - South Korea and the United States staged a massive combined ballistic missile exercise Wednesday aimed at sending a warning message to North Korea, the South's military said a day after the communist country claimed a successful long-range missile test.

The allies fired a barrage of missiles, including the Hyunmoo-2 and the ATACMS, into the East Sea, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It came in response to the North's assertion that it has mastered the atmospheric re-entry technology for intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM).

The Korean Central News Agency also said the country's ICBM is capable of carrying a large-sized warhead.

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Subject: FW: China trade with North Korea up but imports off sharply (AP)

Also FYI, DRL is pulling together a package of graphics that shows labor contracts and revenue sources, including in China. Will keep you posted on that.

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China trade with North Korea up but imports off sharply (AP)

BEIJING (AP) — China's total trade with North Korea has risen despite Beijing's promise to enforce U.N. sanctions over its nuclear program, but Chinese purchases of North Korean goods have fallen sharply.

Customs data show total Chinese-North Korean trade in the first five months of this year rose 15 percent from a year earlier. That is less than the 36.8 percent figure earlier reported by the Chinese Customs agency and cited by U.S. President Donald Trump.

China buys North Korean coal, a revenue source for the isolated North. But a South Korean industry group, the Korea International Trade Association, says those purchases are off 45 percent this year.

The trade growth is driven by rising Chinese exports to the North, while China's imports have fallen, leaving Pyongyang with a widening trade deficit.

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Subject: FW: Russian DFM Morgulov on NK
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Brian, Matt: This is a quick summary of our NK discussions with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Morgulov, in case it comes up Best, Joe

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Readout of Ambassador Yun's Meeting with Russian DFM Morgulov

(SBU) Special Representative Yun met with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Morgulov on July 6

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UN chief Antonio Guterres condemns North Korea's 'dangerous escalation'
July 5, 2017
AFP

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United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday (July 4) strongly condemned North Korea's launch of a ballistic missile that Pyongyang said was its first successful ICBM test.

"This action is yet another brazen violation of Security Council resolutions and constitutes a dangerous escalation of the situation," Guterres said in a statement.

He added that North Korea's "leadership must cease further provocative actions and comply fully with its international obligations."

The Security Council is expected to meet Wednesday for an emergency closed-door meeting after Pyongyang declared that it had successfully tested its first intercontinental ballistic missile.

US Ambassador Nikki Haley on Tuesday spoke by phone with China's Ambassador Liu Jieyi, who holds the council presidency this month, to convey the US request for an urgent meeting.

Guterres stressed "the importance of maintaining the unity of the international community in addressing this serious challenge," in a reference to US-Sino differences.

China is pushing for talks between world powers and North Korea on dismantling its nuclear program but the US maintains that Pyongyang must first halt its missile and nuclear tests.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un oversaw the launch of the Hwasong-14 missile which experts say is capable of reaching Alaska.

North Korea's Academy of Defence Science said it reached an altitude of 2,802km and flew 933km.

US Pacific Command confirmed the test and said it was a land-based, intermediate-range missile that flew for 37 minutes before splashing down in the Sea of Japan. It said the launch did not pose a threat to North America.

The launch came as Americans prepared to mark Independence Day, prompting President Donald Trump to urge China - North Korea's main diplomatic ally - to act to "end this nonsense once and for all."

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North Korea warns US it will keep building nuclear arsenal
June 28, 2017
Associated Press

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North Korea's U.N. ambassador is warning the United States and the rest of the world that his country will keep building up its nuclear arsenal regardless of sanctions, pressure or military attack.

Kim In Ryong told the Security Council on Wednesday that the "hostile policy" of the United States and its military maneuvers with South Korea in April and May are responsible for bringing the situation on the Korean Peninsula closer to the brink of nuclear war than ever before.

Since then, he said, the U.S. has sent an anti-missile system to South Korea and nuclear bombers and imposed new U.S. sanctions and spearheaded another U.N. sanctions resolution against Pyongyang. Kim said none of these measures will stop North Korea's nuclear buildup, which he said is key to its existence.

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Trump: US patience with the North Korean regime 'is over'
June 30, 2017
CNN
By Jeremy Diamond

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President Donald Trump, speaking alongside South Korean President Moon Jae-in, declared Friday the US' patience with the North Korean regime "is over."

"The era of strategic patience with the North Korean regime has failed," Trump declared from the Rose Garden. "And frankly, that patience is over."

Trump said that the US is facing "the threat of the reckless and brutal regime in North Korea," adding the North Korean regime "has no regard for the safety and security of its people or its neighbors."

"The North Korean dictatorship has no regard for the safety and security of its people or its neighbors and has no respect for human life -- and that's been proven over and over again," Trump said.

Trump also thanked Moon for expressing his condolences over the death of the American student Otto Warmbier, who died after more than a year of imprisonment in North Korea.

The South Korean President's visit to the White House comes amid an increasing sense of urgency concerning North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs, and after Trump approved a series of measures designed to ratchet up pressure on North Korea.

The Treasury Department on Thursday imposed new sanctions on a Chinese bank and several Chinese nationals while the State Department approved a $1 billion arms deal with Taiwan -- both moves that appear aimed at unsettling China, which has resisted applying heavier pressure on North Korea as the US has urged.

Trump has expressed frustration in the last week about the ineffectiveness so far of China's modest pressure on North Korea and suggested the need to change the US' approach. Top Trump administration officials in recent days have said that China is not doing enough to pressure North Korea and have stressed the increasing urgency of the situation.

But Trump's discussions with Moon have also focused on the trading relationship between the two countries, following Trump's criticism of the bilateral free trade deal between the two countries, which Trump has called a bad deal for the US.

"We are renegotiating a trade deal right now as we speak with South Korea and hopefully it will an equitable deal, a fair deal to both parties," Trump said as he greeted Moon in the Oval Office on Friday morning. "It's been a rough deal for the United States but I think that it will be much different for the United States."

But even on trade, China appeared to be at the forefront of the administration's mind.

In remarks during the bilateral meeting between the US and South Korean sides, National Economic Director Gary Cohn knocked China's "predatory practices" on trade and said the Trump administration hopes to partner with South Korea to jointly tackle Chinese trade abuses that impact both countries.

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S.Korea's Moon calls North's missile launch a "nuclear provocation" (Reuters)

HAMBURG (Reuters) - South Korea's President Moon Jae-in said he was in favour of dialogue with North Korea despite the "nuclear provocation" of its test-launch earlier this week of what the isolated state said was a nuclear-capable intercontinental missile.

Speaking after a meeting with Russia's President Vladimir Putin at the G20 summit in Hamburg, Moon also said he saw a role for Putin in helping de-escalate the crisis on the Korean peninsula.

Putin warned the parties involved against losing self-control with regard to North Korea's nuclear ambitions, urging a "pragmatic, accurate" approach to its missile programme.

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U.S. requests U.N. Security Council meeting on N.Korea missile launch (Reuters)

NORTHKOREA (Reuters) - The United States has requested a closed-door meeting of the United Nations Security Council on North Korea's latest missile launch, a spokesman for the U.S. mission to the United Nations said on Tuesday.

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The spokesman said the meeting of the 15-member council was likely to be scheduled for Wednesday. Pyongyang said on Tuesday it had successfully test-launched a first intercontinental ballistic missile, or ICBM, which analysts said could put all of Alaska in range for the first time.

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UPDATE: North Korea fires ballistic missile ahead of G20 summit (Reuters)

SEOUL (Reuters) - North Korea launched a ballistic missile from its western region into the sea off its east coast on Tuesday, South Korea's military said, ahead of a summit of leaders from the Group of 20 countries in Germany later this week.

The missile flew for about 40 minutes and may have landed in Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), the Japanese government said, adding that it had strongly protested what was a clear violation of UN resolutions.

The missile was launched around 0040 GMT from an airfield in Panghyon, about 100 km (60 miles) northwest of the North's capital, Pyongyang, the South Korean military said.

The North's missile launch is the last since Pyongyang fired several cruise missiles in early June and comes ahead of the leaders of the United States, China, Japan and South Korea are expected to discuss efforts to rein in the North's nuclear and missile tests the G20 summit on July 7 to 8.

Pyongyang has been working to develop a nuclear-tipped missile capable of hitting the United States.

Earlier this week, North Korea was a key topic in phone calls between U.S. President Donald Trump and the leaders of China and Japan. Leaders of both Asian countries reaffirmed their commitment to a denuclearised Korean Peninsula.

Tuesday's missile launch also comes ahead of July 4 Independence Day celebrations in the United States. North Korea has previously fired missiles around this U.S. holiday.

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South Korea's presidential Blue House said President Moon Jae-in called a national security council meeting for 0230 GMT after being informed of the North's missile launch.

Last week after his first summit with Moon, Trump called for a determined response to North Korea, stressing the importance of the alliance between the two countries.

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China can do more to pressure N. Korea to curb arms program: U.S. State Department

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Reuters

The United States believes China can do much more to increase pressure on North Korea over its nuclear arms and ballistic missile programs and will continue to urge Beijing to curb Pyongyang's activities, the State Department said on Thursday.

State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert also told reporters at a briefing that Washington sees no equivalence between North Korea's weapons programs and U.S.-South Korean military exercises. As a result, she said, the United States opposes a Russian-Chinese plan calling for both sides to freeze their activities.

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U.S., Japan, South Korea seek U.N. condemnation of North Korea
July 7, 2017
Reuters

The United States, Japan and South Korea on Friday agreed to push for a quick U.N. Security Council resolution to apply new sanctions on North Korea after its test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) this week.

Meeting at the G20 summit in Germany, U.S. President Donald Trump, South Korean President Moon Jae-in and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe promised to apply "maximum pressure" to counter North Korea's nuclear threat.

The leaders "decided to press for the early adoption of a new UNSC resolution with additional sanctions to demonstrate to (North Korea) that there are serious consequences for its destabilizing, provocative, and escalatory actions," the three countries said in a joint statement.

Taking a major step in its missile program, North Korea on Tuesday test launched an ICBM that some experts believe has the range to reach the U.S. states of Alaska and Hawaii and perhaps the U.S. Pacific Northwest.

The United States has cautioned it is ready to use force if need be to stop North Korea's nuclear missile program but said it preferred global diplomatic action.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said on Wednesday she would propose new U.N. sanctions on North Korea. Security Council diplomats said on Friday the United States had not yet circulated a draft resolution to the 15-member council.

Following a nuclear weapons test by North Korea in September it took the U.N. Security Council three months to agree strengthened sanctions.
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U.S. aims for U.N. vote on North Korea sanctions within weeks: diplomats RELEASE IN FULL
July 10, 2017
Reuters
By Michelle Nichols

United States Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley aims to put to a vote within weeks a U.N. Security Council resolution to impose stronger sanctions on North Korea over its long-range ballistic missile test, said several senior U.N. diplomats.

Haley told some U.N. diplomats late last week of the ambitious timeline for a U.N. response to North Korea's launch on Tuesday of a missile that some experts believe could have the range to reach Alaska, and parts of the U.S. West Coast.

The U.S. mission to the United Nations was not immediately available to comment on the timeline for a council vote. Some Security Council diplomats have expressed doubt that a draft resolution could be put to a vote quickly.

Following a nuclear weapons test by North Korea in September, while U.S. President Barack Obama was still in office, it took the U.N. Security Council three months to agree to strengthened sanctions.

The United States gave China a draft resolution to impose stronger sanctions on Pyongyang after the 15-member Security Council met on Wednesday to discuss the intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launch, diplomats said.

China's U.N. Ambassador Liu Jieyi told Reuters on Monday that it was important to ensure that any action the Security Council might take should be conducive to achieving the goal of a denuclearized, peaceful and stable Korean peninsula.

"We really must think very carefully about what is the best approach in the Security Council because a resolution, sanctions, are themselves not an objective," he said.

When asked if the council could act within weeks, Liu said it would depend on how members "see the way forward in terms of council action, in terms of how that is put into the wider context of ... improving the situation, preventing further tests, ensuring Security Council resolutions will be abided by."

Traditionally, the United States and China have negotiated new sanctions on North Korea before formally involving other council members. Diplomats said the United States would informally keep Britain and France in the loop, while China was likely talking to Russia.

The United States, China, Russia, Britain and France are the Security Council's permanent veto-wielding powers. The United States could also face a battle to persuade Russia that council action against North Korea is needed.

On Thursday, Russia objected to a council condemnation of North Korea's missile launch because the U.S.-drafted statement labeled it an ICBM, a designation Moscow disagrees with. Diplomats said that negotiations on the statement had stalled.

North Korea has been under U.N. sanctions since 2006 over its ballistic missile and nuclear programs and the council has ratcheted up the measures in response to the country's five nuclear weapons tests and two long-range missile launches.

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During the Security Council meeting last Wednesday, Haley said some options to strengthen U.N. sanctions were to restrict the flow of oil to North Korea's military and weapons programs, increasing air and maritime restrictions and imposing targeted sanctions on senior officials.

Diplomats said Washington proposed such options to Beijing two months ago, but that China had not engaged in discussions on the measures and instead only agreed to adding some people and entities to the existing U.N. sanctions list in June.

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U.S. Sanctions Two Chinese Men, Shipping Firm, Over North Korea Ties
June 29, 2017
New York Times

The U.S. Treasury Department said on Thursday it was placing financial sanctions on two Chinese nationals and a Chinese shipping company over their ties to North Korea stemming from its nuclear program.

The department said in a statement it was sanctioning Wei Sun for links to the Foreign Trade Bank of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Hong Ri Li for his links to North Korean banking executive Song-hyok Ri, as well as the Dalian Global Unity Shipping Co Ltd of Dalian, China.
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Hi Will,
Hope all's well. I just want to see if you may be able to share on the high side background materials for today's ROK summit. We just want to stay in the loop and keep Ambassador Haley apprised. Thanks!
Best,
David

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Secretary's Remarks: Statement by Secretary Tillerson

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Press Statement
Rex W. Tillerson
Secretary of State
Washington, DC
July 4, 2017

The United States strongly condemns North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. Testing an ICBM represents a new escalation of the threat to the United States, our allies and partners, the region, and the world.

Global action is required to stop a global threat. Any country that hosts North Korean guest workers, provides any economic or military benefits, or fails to fully implement UN Security Council resolutions is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime. All nations should publicly demonstrate to North Korea that there are consequences to their pursuit of nuclear weapons. We intend to bring North Korea's provocative action before the UN Security Council and enact stronger measures to hold the DPRK accountable.

The United States seeks only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the end of threatening actions by North Korea. As we, along with others, have made clear, we will never accept a nuclear-armed North Korea.

The President and his national security team are continuing to assess the situation in close coordination with our allies and partners.

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In a case with a thousand plot twists, there has been but one constant in the murder investigation of Kim Jong Nam: Nothing is ever what it seems.

The victim himself — the playboy half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un — was traveling under false papers when he died and had to be identified using DNA. The two women accused of killing him turned out to be hired dupes, paid a few dollars to perform what they thought was a reality-TV stunt.

Stranger still was the murder weapon, liquid VX, a toxin so powerful that a few drops rubbed onto the skin killed the victim in minutes, yet it failed to harm the two women who applied the poison with their bare hands. Even more mysterious: why North Korea would go to extravagant lengths to use a battlefield-grade chemical weapon on foreign soil, only to work equally hard to cover its tracks.

For the prosecutors preparing for the first court hearings later this month, some of the mysteries behind Kim Jong Nam's death inside a Malaysian airport terminal will likely never be resolved. But nearly five months after the killing, U.S. and Asian officials have a clearer view of the attack's significance. In carrying out history's first state-sponsored VX assassination in a country 3,000 miles from its borders, North Korea has demonstrated a new willingness to use its formidable arsenal of deadly toxins and poisons to kill or intimidate enemies on foreign soil, analysts say.

Seen in the light of North Korea's recent flurry of provocative missiles tests, Kim Jong

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Nam's killing now looks to many experts like a proving exercise for a weapons system — in this case, a robust chemical-weapons stockpile that Pyongyang is thought to have built over decades and kept carefully under wraps.

"The choice of weapons was not accidental," said Sue Mi Terry, a former senior analyst on North Korea at the CIA and currently managing director for Korea at the Bower Group Asia. "Everything about this incident was intended to send a message."

U.S. and South Korean intelligence agencies have long believed that North Korea possesses significant stores of the nerve agents VX and sarin — and probably biological weapons as well — but in the past, such arsenals were assumed to be intended as a deterrent against foreign attacks. But in the attack on Kim Jong Nam, North Korea revealed a strategy for using chemicals that looks a lot like cyberwarfare: limited, highly secretive attacks that can damage an enemy without inviting massive retaliation.

Whether Kim Jong Un would risk such an attack against a foreign government — even the United States — is unclear. But the February incident is a reminder that North Korea has options for striking targets abroad that do not hinge on the country's ability to build an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching the U.S. mainland, current and former U.S. officials say.

"North Korea is bad enough when you're talking about their nuclear and missiles program," Rebecca Hersman, a former Defense Department deputy assistant secretary for countering weapons of mass destruction, said at a recent policy forum. "But I think we ignore their chemical and biological programs truly at our own peril."

Walking into a trap

Kim Jong Nam probably knew an attack was coming, though he might not have imagined where, or how.

The 45-year-old eldest son of dead North Korean leader Kim Jong Il had been living in exile in the Chinese province of Macau since 2003, and he had become a vocal critic of North Korea's repressive communist government. He became a probable candidate for assassination after his younger half brother took control of the country in late 2011, claiming the job that had once been promised to him. His fate was likely sealed in 2013

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when the newly installed leader ordered the execution of Jang Song Thaek, a prominent North Korean defense official and Kim Jong Nam's uncle and longtime protector.

But when he strode into Kuala Lumpur's KLIA2 airport with his light jacket and backpack on Feb. 13, he walked unknowingly into an exquisitely laid trap.

Not one, but two teams of assassins had rehearsed for the moment. The only ones Kim Jong Nam would see were female: two attractive women in their 20s who had been recruited locally. One of them, identified by police as Indonesian native Siti Aisyah, worked in a Kuala Lumpur massage parlor; the other, Doan Thi Huong, had moved from Vietnam to Malaysia to work in what authorities described vaguely as the "entertainment" industry.

Both would tell police that they were hired by a Korean man to perform "pranks," such as smearing baby oil on strangers, for a hidden-camera video show. For their service, each was promised $90 in cash and a shot at future TV stardom.

But on Feb. 13, the surprise prepared for Kim Jong Nam was VX, not baby oil. In a sequence that would be captured on security-camera video and later broadcast around the world, Kim Jong Nam was accosted as he checked in for a flight in the airport's departure lounge. A woman in a white sweatshirt is seen grabbing the North Korean's face from behind. Although the images are unclear, police think the second woman helped smear the oily liquid over the victim's cheeks.

At least four men — later identified by Malaysian officials as North Korean agents — are seen watching the attack and shadowing the visibly agitated Kim Jong Nam as he seeks help from police and an airport first-aid station. Minutes later, as the dying Kim is wheeled into an ambulance, the men slip through the departures gate to board flights out of the country.

The only ones who didn't escape were the women and the victim himself. Aisyah and Huong mysteriously avoided serious injury — perhaps, weapons experts speculate, because each handled harmless precursor chemicals that became toxic only when mixed, or perhaps because both women quickly washed their hands after the attack.

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Both are seen quickly entering airport lavatories after the attack, behavior that prosecutors have cited in accusing the two women of being knowingly complicit in Kim Jong Nam's murder. The two women face court appearances later this month on charges of first-degree murder, a capital crime in Malaysia.

Kim Jong Nam, who quickly sought medical help after the attack, lost consciousness in the airport medical station and died in the ambulance, less than 20 minutes after the episode began.

It would take two autopsies and nearly two weeks to determine the name of the rare toxin that took his life. Malaysian investigators would conclude that the VX was smuggled into the country by North Korea, most likely in a commercial jetliner. It's unclear whether the toxin arrived ready to use or in a form that required mixing two harmless ingredients to create. In either case, the advantage for the assassins is that only a few drops are needed to kill, said a U.S. official with years of experience in chemical-weapons defense.

"Was it assembled in Malaysia? Not necessarily," said the official, who insisted on anonymity in discussing U.S. intelligence assessments of the North Korean threat. "A single three-ounce container that would fit in your carry-on luggage would hold far more than you'd ever need."

Pyongyang's stockpile

Until the Feb. 13 attack, hard evidence of Pyongyang's arsenal of toxins did not exist, at least in the public realm. But for at least two decades, U.S. intelligence assessments have concluded that North Korea possesses a sizable stockpile of chemical weapons, with VX being one of many varieties.

A State Department report in 2001 found that North Korea was "already self-sufficient" in making all the necessary precursors for sarin and VX, as well as older weapons such as mustard gas. Drawing from an array of sources — from North Korean defectors and spies to satellite photos and electronic eavesdropping — U.S. agencies calculated the size of the country's chemical stockpile at between 2,500 and 5,000 tons. That's far larger than Syria's arsenal at its peak, and larger than any known to exist in the world, except for those built by the Soviet and U.S. militaries during the Cold War.

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A parallel but reportedly much smaller program produces biological weapons, current and former U.S. intelligence officials think. Published Defense Intelligence Agency documents have described efforts underway to weaponize at least four pathogens: anthrax, plague, cholera and biological toxins, such as botulinum.

Work on chemical and biological programs began years before Pyongyang tested its first nuclear bomb, and U.S. analysts suspect that both were intended at first as a deterrent against foreign attacks. But although North Korea regularly boasts of its achievements in atomic energy and missiles, its chemical and biological weapons have always been kept carefully hidden, according to a study released jointly last month by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and the U.S. Korea Institute.

"North Korea has deliberately built its NBC [nuclear, biological, chemical] infrastructures in extreme secrecy; undertaken camouflage, concealment and deception operations . . . and dispersed NBC facilities around the country," report author Joseph S. Bermudez Jr., a prominent expert on North Korean weapons systems, wrote in the report. "It is therefore probable that there are significant elements of the NBC programs and their infrastructures that are simply unknown outside the North Korean government."

U.S. and South Korean defense officials alike take the threat seriously, so much so that both governments inoculate their troops against exposure to anthrax bacteria and even the smallpox virus. Soldiers deployed along the border are issued gas masks and protective suits and put through occasional drills to prepare for the day when canisters of VX or sarin are fired across the border in North Korean rockets or artillery shells.

Any such attack would certainly prompt a massive retaliation. But Kim Jong Nam's assassination has forced U.S. officials to consider the possibility of a clandestine attack, one that might be more difficult to trace, or to defend against.

"With biological weapons, especially, there's an opportunity for covert attack with deniability, since attribution would be difficult," said Andrew C. Weber, former assistant secretary of defense for nuclear, chemical and biological weapons defense. Although U.S. officials are fixated on North Korea's nuclear advances, a nuclear attack "is not the most likely, or possibly even the most consequential," he said.

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As Kim Jong Nam's assassination demonstrated, the delivery of such weapons can be easy — especially for deadly pathogens, but also for toxic chemicals, he said. And any military response would be delayed for days or weeks while investigators attempted to find evidence that firmly pointed to a perpetrator.

"A chemical attack would be knowable, almost as soon as it happens," Weber said. "But Kim Jong Un is a brutal guy, and he may have no qualms against doing it. Or he may just miscalculate."

Kim Jong Un's plan to use VX to kill his half brother included extensive measures to ensure secrecy — so many, in fact, that some experts think the North Koreans wanted to keep their enemies ignorant about its use of the toxin, or at least unsure.

After Kim Jong Nam's death, Pyongyang requested the immediate return of his body, without an autopsy being performed. Malaysia refused, and soon afterward, local news media reported an attempt by unknown individuals to break into the morgue where the body was kept. The attempt failed, but in the weeks since, North Korea has insisted that the leader's half brother died of a heart attack and that any reports of chemical toxins were lies spread by outsiders.

Some longtime North Korea analysts are convinced that the killing was intended mostly as a warning to other members of the Kim family who might be plotting Kim Jong Un's overthrow. The leader has a history of extreme brutality toward relatives whom he suspects of plotting against him. He may have seen Kim Jong Nam — a free-spoken man of leisure who enjoyed protected status in China and was widely reported to have intelligence contacts with several foreign governments — as a possible future choice by Beijing to replace him.

"It might have just been an expression of how much he hates traitors," said Joshua Pollack, a former government consultant on North Korean weapons programs and now editor of the journal Nonproliferation Review. "There's no doubt that VX was an unusual choice for an assassination. But I think it was probably chosen because they thought no one would look for it."

Other current and former U.S. officials say that North Korea would have calculated that

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the VX would be found eventually. According to these officials, Kim Jong Un's plan was to showcase his ability to strike with terrifying weapons, while also concealing the evidence to reduce the chances of retaliation.

"His message about VX was, 'We have it,' " said Terry, the former CIA analyst. "He knew they would eventually find it."

Whatever the motivation, the tactic worked on nearly every level, North Korea experts say: A potential rival was eliminated. A capability to strike covertly, using one of the most fearsome chemical weapons ever designed, was amply demonstrated. And North Korea, while issuing denials that are widely seen as implausible, managed to get away with it, at least until now.

"They carry out an attack and make people afraid, but then ensure that there's no evidence that can lead to real accountability," Pollack said. "For them, that's the sweet spot."

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Cheers,

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I just sent you the points you put together for Amb. Haley's pull-aside with Amb. Liu on the high side. Could you quickly update them to reflect changes in the past week – [redacted] etc. – ahead of the meeting with the Chinese Embassy? No need to reinvent the wheel on this one. DMG is looking for something very similar to the last draft. B5

Many thanks,
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The top U.S. diplomat at the United Nations blasted Russia and China on Wednesday for "holding the hands" of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, as the Trump administration struggled to respond to Pyongyang's latest ballistic missile test.

U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley chided Moscow and Beijing over their opposition to a Security Council resolution condemning North Korea and imposing greater economic sanctions for what she called its "sharp military escalation."

She also said Pyongyang was "quickly closing off the possibility of a diplomatic solution" and suggested the United States would continue to consider military action if necessary.

"One of our capabilities lies with our considerable military forces," Haley said during a Security Council meeting in New York. "We will use them if we must, but we prefer not to have to go in that direction."

Haley's pointed speech marked the latest effort by the Trump administration to rally allies and rivals around a common agenda to blunt North Korea's progress, days after Kim's regime tested an intercontinental ballistic missile with a range that experts said would put it within reach of Alaska.

But her remarks also illustrated the limits of the White House's options and lacked specifics about what concrete steps the administration is considering. The missile test marks a new level of advancement in Kim's pursuit of a nuclear weapon that could strike the continental United States. Analysts said a military confrontation could escalate quickly into a mass-casualty war across the Korean Peninsula and Japan, where the United States has stationed tens of thousands of troops.

The standoff cast a shadow as President Trump prepared for his first meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and his second with Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit, which opens Friday in Hamburg. Trump also will meet with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the heads of U.S. allies Britain and Germany.

"We've been pretty consistent that we are never going to broadcast next steps," deputy White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters aboard Air Force One as the president traveled Wednesday to a short stop in Warsaw.

Before leaving Washington, Trump revealed more frustration with Xi, whom he has personally lobbied to enact sanctions on Chinese banks that do business with North Korean companies. The U.S. Treasury Department announced last week that it would block the Bank of Dandong, along the border region between China and North Korea, from accessing U.S. markets. Officials said this was the first of potentially greater sanctions by the United States.

On Twitter, Trump wrote: "Trade between China and North Korea grew almost 40% in the first quarter. So much for China working with us — but we had to give it a try!"

Chinese data released in April showed that China's trade with North Korea grew 37.4 percent during the first three

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months of the year compared with the same period in 2016. China said then that overall trade grew even as it complied with U.N. sanctions and stopped buying North Korean coal.

Russian and Chinese diplomats used the U.N. Security Council meeting to push their joint proposal for a suspension of North Korean nuclear and missile testing in exchange for a suspension of U.S. and South Korean military exercises. Both countries also condemned the U.S. antimissile system being deployed in South Korea and called for it to be removed.

Early Wednesday in Asia, U.S. and South Korean forces fired missiles in joint military exercises that the U.S. Pacific Command cast as a show of "ironclad" resolve.

Daniel Pinkston, a lecturer in international relations at Troy University in Seoul, said he saw no chance that Washington and Seoul would agree to halt joint exercises, calling it "a non-starter."

During the U.N. meeting, a Russian official questioned whether North Korea's missile was an ICBM, suggesting it was an intermediate-range weapon.

That prompted Haley to request a second turn at the microphone, during which she said: "If you see this as a threat, if you see this for what it is, which is North Korea showing its muscle, then you need to stand strong. . . . If you choose not to, we will go our own path."

Danny Russel, who served as senior Asia director at the National Security Council under President Barack Obama, said Trump has a "rare blue moon" opportunity this week to meet with and rally the major players — China and Russia on one side and Japan and South Korea on the other — toward some sort of unified display of condemnation of North Korea.

"What the administration needs to do is get China and Russia around an approach, even if it is not as testosterone-rich and muscular as the U.S. would like, so that the basic geometry is five on one, not three on three," said Russel, now a diplomat in residence at the Asia Society in New York. "There is no formula, no path forward, other than war, that isn't built on some degree of common cause between Washington and Beijing."

Victor Cha, who served as senior Asia director at the NSC under President George W. Bush, said the U.S. sanctions on the Dandong bank were "a shot across the bow at the Chinese that what is happening is not working for us. It arguably gives [Trump] a stronger position going in" to the meeting with Xi.

The missile the Kim regime launched had been in the works for years. It flew higher and remained in the air longer than previous attempts, in what experts called a milestone for North Korea

South Korean authorities described North Korea's test as a two-stage missile with a range of about 4,300 to 5,000 miles — enough to reach Alaska and other parts of North America.

South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo said there is a high probability that Pyongyang will stage another nuclear test and noted gains in its efforts to miniaturize a warhead — steps toward developing nuclear-tipped weapons capable of hitting the mainland United States.

Pyongyang's test appeared to catch the United States by surprise. The Pentagon initially mislabeled the activity as a test of an intermediate-range missile before reclassifying it Wednesday as an ICBM with a range of at least 5,500 kilometers.

Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said that the missile "is not one we have seen before" and that it was launched from a site — the Panghyon airfield about 90 miles north of Pyongyang — that has not been used to test missiles before.

He emphasized that North Korea still has a number of steps to meet before a threat to North America is imminent,

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noting that Pyongyang has not yet demonstrated the ability to mount a nuclear warhead on an ICBM or show the lateral range necessary.

"But clearly, they are working on it," he said.

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North Korea's surprising, lucrative relationship with Africa
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WINDHOEK, Namibia — Near the southern tip of Africa, 8,000 miles from Pyongyang, this capital city is an unlikely testament to North Korean industry.

There's the futuristic national history museum, the sleek presidential palace, the sprawling defense headquarters and the shadowy munitions factory. They were built — or are still being constructed — by North Korea, for a profit.

For years, North Korea has used African nations like this one as financial lifelines, building infrastructure and selling weapons and other military equipment as sanctions mounted against its authoritarian regime. Although China is by far North Korea's largest trading partner, the smaller African revenue streams have helped support the impoverished Hermit Kingdom, even as its leaders develop an ambitious nuclear-weapons program in defiance of the international community.

Those ambitions led last week to the launch of the country's first intercontinental ballistic missile. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson subsequently warned that any nation with military or economic ties to North Korea "is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime," and the Trump administration threatened a cutoff in trade with countries that were doing business with the pariah nation.

But Namibian officials describe a different North Korea — a longtime ally, a partner in development and an affordable contractor. Since the 1960s, when North Korea began providing support for African nations during their independence struggles with European colonial powers, the regime has fostered political ties on the continent that have turned into commercial relationships.

"We've relied on them for help to develop our infrastructure, and their work has been unparalleled," said Frans Kapofi, Namibia's minister of presidential affairs.

Across Africa, such relationships have been common.

A United Nations investigation this year described North Korean military radio equipment headed to Eritrea, automatic weapons arriving in Congo and military trainers landing in Angola and Uganda.

"The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is flouting sanctions through trade in prohibited goods, with evasion techniques that are increasing in scale, scope and sophistication," the report said. It went on to describe how "the country also uses its construction companies that are active in Africa to build arms-related, military and security facilities."

North Korea's commercial relationships are only one sign of the surprisingly close ties many African leaders have with the secretive, highly repressive Asian country.

Yoweri Museveni, Uganda's longtime president, said he learned basic Korean from Kim Il Sung, the former leader of North Korea and grandfather of current leader Kim Jong Un, during various visits to that country. Zimbabwean leader

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Robert Mugabe sent two rhinos to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, as a show of solidarity in the 1980s (both died shortly after arriving). In Maputo, Mozambique's capital, the street "Avenida Kim Il Sung" runs through the heart of downtown. In Namibia's national museum, a black-and-white picture of a North Korean soldier leading a group of local soldiers hangs in the foyer.

"Our world outlook was determined by who was on our side during the most crucial time of our struggle, and North Korea was there for us," said Tuliameni Kalomoh, a senior adviser in the Namibian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the country's former ambassador to Washington.

In recent years, African countries have struggled to maintain their ties to North Korea without alienating the United States, the largest aid donor on the continent, or publicly violating U.N. sanctions aimed at curbing the country's nuclear-weapons program. In measures going back a decade, the United Nations has barred countries from contracting with North Korea for military training or services or arms manufacturing.

"Pyongyang's ties to Africa allow it to show it still has friends abroad and benefit from their political support. They also represent a source of revenue, new entry points into the international financial system, and a haven in which to base North Korean representatives and front companies," said Andrea Berger, a North Korea expert at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

The Namibian government has spent about $100 million on North Korean projects since 2002, according to officials here — a sum that goes a long way in an Asian nation where per capita income is about $1,000 per year. But in comparison, China imports about $3 billion in North Korean goods per year.

Last year, the United Nations said that Namibia had violated U.N. sanctions by maintaining its commercial ties to North Korea.

Among other activities, Namibia had contracted with a North Korean company called Mansudae Overseas Projects to construct a munitions factory as well as a new military academy. A company with links to Mansudae, called the Korea Mining Development Trading Corporation (known as KOMID) also worked on the munitions factory, according to the U.N. report. The U.S. Treasury Department last year called KOMID North Korea's "primary arms dealer" and sanctioned two North Korean officials based in Windhoek. The department also sanctioned Mansudae, calling it one of a number of companies that sent workers abroad in part to earn money for the government or ruling party.

After being accused of violating sanctions, Namibian officials pledged to cut commercial ties with North Korea, which is formally known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK. The Namibian government said in a statement in 2016 that it "remains committed to the implementation of all U.N. sanctions resolutions," but added that "the warm diplomatic relations with the DPRK will be maintained."

Over a year later, it appears that North Korean guest workers are still laboring on Namibia's new Ministry of Defense, a large concrete building just outside of Windhoek's city center, according to several residents who live nearby.

"We see them every day or two," said one resident who spoke on condition of anonymity because he didn't want to be seen as criticizing the government. "They never left."

In interviews, government officials said they were hoping to complete the current projects before expelling the workers — even though allowing the North Korean contractors to linger would likely be a violation of U.N. sanctions if they are still affiliated with KOMID.

"We are definitely towards the end of phasing them out," said Kapofi, who added that he could not confirm the presence of the guest workers at the defense ministry.

Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, recently warned that the United States might cut off trade with countries that were violating U.N. sanctions by doing business with North Korea.

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Namibia did $469 million of trade with the United States in 2013, the most recent figures released by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. The U.S. government also contributes to Namibian health-care initiatives, particularly related to HIV/AIDS.

"As a part of our maximum pressure campaign, we are committed to ensuring that DPRK's arms-related exports, assistance, training, and support activities are terminated, including in Africa," said State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert, in response to a question about Namibia's ties with North Korea.

Other African countries were also supposed to end their economic and military relationships with North Korea after the U.N. sanctions were imposed. But it remains unclear whether some have done so.

U.N. member states are obliged to issue reports describing their efforts to enforce sanctions. But the U.N. panel of experts report in 2016 noted "an extremely high number of non-reporting and late-reporting States" and the "poor quality and lack of detail of the reports received."

Some African nations have appeared to distance themselves from North Korea. After photos appeared showing North Korean military trainers wearing Ugandan military uniforms last year, Uganda's foreign minister, Sam Kutesa, said on state television, "We are disengaging the cooperation we are having with North Korea, as a result of U.N. sanctions."

In Dakar, Senegal's capital, a soaring, North Korea-built statue — larger than the Statue of Liberty — rises from a hilltop, depicting a man holding a baby in one arm and embracing a woman with the other. When the statue was unveiled, it angered many people in the Muslim-majority nation, as the woman was scarcely clad. Other North Korean statues, mostly of African revolutionary leaders, were sold to Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Benin and Congo. U.N. sanctions introduced in 2016 barred countries from buying any more such statues.

One of the biggest projects is the war memorial outside of Windhoek, where a towering bronze statue of an unknown soldier carrying a rifle stands in front of a slim obelisk. On a recent sunny afternoon, there were no visitors at the park, and one guard slept on the steps.

But from the top of the monument, the view was clear: the city and the rolling hills in the distance, and in the foreground a North Korean-built military base.

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The U.S. and Russia clashed at the United Nations Security Council over how to respond to North Korea's nuclear-weapons program, a confrontation throwing into doubt U.S. hopes for an international diplomatic solution to the burgeoning crisis.

The standoff between diplomats on Wednesday came just two days before President Donald Trump and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin plan to hold their first meeting during the summit of the Group of 20 leading nations in Germany, raising the stakes for both leaders as well as China, which will attend the international gathering.

Following North Korea's July 4 launch of its first intercontinental ballistic missile, deemed by U.S. officials to be capable of reaching Alaska, U.S. officials invoked direct threats of military action as they tried to marshal coordinated international action.

At the U.N., U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley warned diplomats that "time is short" for diplomatic action and said the Trump administration would be willing to use military force if punitive restrictions failed to deter North Korea from its plans to perfect a weapon that can strike the U.S.

In Seoul, Gen. Vincent Brooks, the top American military commander in South Korea, said the U.S. and South Korea were prepared to go to war with the North if given the order.

"Self restraint, which is a choice, is all that separates armistice and war," Gen. Brooks said. "We are able to change our choice when so ordered....It would be a grave mistake for anyone to believe anything to the contrary."

U.S. officials for years have said an attack on North Korea would have devastating results in the form of a counterattack on South Korea and possibly Japan.

Military action, some analysts say, could take a number of forms. Most likely among them: a limited airstrike on North Korea's nuclear infrastructure or missile facilities. How successful such an attack would be in derailing North Korea's nuclear program would depend in large part on the quality of U.S. and allied intelligence on the nuclear and missile sites. Far less likely, but also possible, would be an attack designed to target the country's leadership.

U.S. military officials on Wednesday said North Korea's latest weapons test featured a new type of missile fired from a mobile launch site, two factors propelling the view in Washington that the isolated country's nuclear-weapons program is a growing threat.

Pentagon officials, briefing reporters on Tuesday's launch, described the potential weapon as a new kind of missile U.S. officials haven't seen launched from North Korea before. The two-stage missile was launched from a location known as the Banghyon Aircraft Plant, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, said Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman.

At the emergency session of the Security Council on Wednesday, the U.S. said it would introduce a new Security Council resolution within days to tighten and expand economic and diplomatic sanctions in response to North Korea's ICBM

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launch.

However, Russia and China formed a united front against the U.S. and its allies, saying they would strongly oppose new sanctions or military action, and offering a joint plan that called for dialogue and a parallel halt in military operations and exercises by all parties, including the U.S., in the Korean Peninsula. Both Russia and China have veto power, as permanent members of the Security Council, and hold considerable sway over North Korea.

Ms. Haley fired back, indicating the U.S. would be willing to put the resolution to a vote even in the absence of a consensus, an unusual move in a diplomatic body that usually takes care to coordinate texts of resolutions behind closed doors to appear united.

"If you are happy with North Korea's actions, veto it," she told them. "If you want to be a friend of North Korea, veto it." She added that if they were to block the U.S. proposal, "then we will go our own path."

Any overt military action would run the risk that the North Korean regime would interpret the attack as an existential threat and respond with force that could kill millions of people on the Korean peninsula, including some of the 28,500 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea. Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis has warned that a military solution would be "tragic on an unbelievable scale."

Pyongyang has accelerated its tests of missiles and nuclear bombs as it tries to develop a nuclear-armed missile that could hit the U.S. mainland

Seoul, a city of more than 10 million, sits just 35 miles from the North Korean border, where Pyongyang has assembled artillery that could inflict devastating damage on the densely populated South Korean capital.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who has called for more dialogue and closer economic ties with North Korea, on Wednesday called on global leaders to step up sanctions against North Korea, urging a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

He was speaking during joint statements in Berlin with Chancellor Angela Merkel, who said North Korea "poses a big threat to global peace."

If attacked by the U.S., North Korea could also likely fire on U.S. ally Japan, which is within range of many of Pyongyang's missiles. During one launch in March the North fired four missiles at once toward Japan, which some analysts interpreted as a warning that it could overwhelm any Japanese missile defense.

The odds of a U.S. military strike on North Korea remain low—about a 10% probability— Meredith Sumpter, director of Asia for Eurasia Group, wrote in a note on Tuesday, adding it would probably be well-signaled by the U.S. and "clear to outside observers in advance of any military move."

U.S. officials monitoring Tuesday's launch operation made a determination of the missile's trajectory within minutes after takeoff, concluding quickly that it didn't pose a threat to the U.S. or its allies. The U.S. maintains missile-defense systems based in South Korea, at sea and in ground installations in the U.S.

U.S. officials said the mobile nature of the launchpad used by Pyongyang contributed to the element of surprise that the North possessed an ICBM.

North Korea on Wednesday touted another achievement of the test launch: It claimed that its missile warhead—the forward section, which carries the explosive—can withstand the extreme heat and pressure of re-entering the earth's atmosphere. If true, that would clear another hurdle in developing a nuclear-tipped missile that can reach American cities.

U.S. defense officials said they were still assessing the re-entry vehicle and couldn't confirm North Korea's claims of the

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missile warhead's effectiveness. Officials determined that the missile was capable of traveling more than 3,400 miles.

Following the North Korean test, the U.S. and South Korean armies conducted a rare unscheduled live-fire drill, launching tactical surface-to-surface missiles off the east coast of Korea—an action they said was aimed directly at "countering North Korea's destabilizing and unlawful actions on July 4."

The drill and tough language appeared to be meant to reassure Seoul after North Korea's successful ICBM test.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson described the development as an escalation of the threat to the U.S. It came despite years of sanctions and warnings aimed at preventing Kim Jong Un's regime from reaching the milestone.

The U.S. had sought Beijing's help in pressuring North Korea, but recently President Trump indicated that route had been fruitless. "Trade between China and North Korea grew almost 40% in the first quarter. So much for China working with us - but we had to give it a try!" he said in a tweet on Wednesday.

A Chinese customs official told a news conference in April that China's bilateral trade with North Korea in the first quarter had increased by 37.4% to 8.4 billion yuan (about $1.2 billion). He didn't specify if that was a year-to-year comparison.

Chinese customs figures show that bilateral trade continued to expand in April and May on a year-on-year basis, but that doesn't mean more revenue for North Korea: The second-quarter increase was driven by China's exports. Its imports from its neighbor declined in April and May, compared with those months last year, due in large part to Beijing enforcing a ban on North Korean coal.

The U.S. has been making shows of force in recent months in response to perceived increases in tension on the Korean Peninsula. In April, it said it was sending the USS Carl Vinson carrier strike group to the western Pacific to underscore Washington's commitment to the region. In that case, the announcement instead raised questions about U.S. credibility after it came to light that the aircraft carrier was thousands of miles away.

Twice in May, the U.S. sent B-1B bombers on flyovers near the Korean Peninsula. Each came shortly after a North Korean missile test.

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Subject: WSJ/ South Korean Leader Says He's Ready to Meet Kim Jong Un

South Korean Leader Says He's Ready to Meet Kim Jong Un
July 7, 2017
Wall Street Journal
By Jonathan Cheng

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SEOUL—South Korean President Moon Jae-in urged dialogue with North Korea, extending an olive branch even as he backed U.S. calls for tougher action following Pyongyang's launch of its first intercontinental ballistic missile.

Mr. Moon, the country's first left-leaning president in nearly a decade, said in a speech at Berlin's old City Hall on Thursday that he is prepared to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. He called for more economic cooperation and a resumption of reunions between families separated during the Korean War in the early 1950s.

"The basic conditions have been met to restart the Korean Peninsula peace process," Mr. Moon said, in his clearest statement on inter-Korean engagement since taking office in May.

The venue for the speech, which came ahead of a Group of 20 summit in Hamburg, was symbolic: Germany's reunification in 1990 has long served as a reference point on the divided Korean Peninsula, where many harbor hopes that the two Koreas might eventually be reunited.

"I am ready to meet with Chairman Kim Jong Un of North Korea at any time, at any place, if the conditions are met and if it will provide an opportunity to transform the tension and confrontation on the Korean Peninsula," Mr. Moon said.

His message could chafe with that of U.S. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, with whom he dined on Thursday in Hamburg. Messrs. Trump and Abe have demanded harsher punishments on North Korea in response to its recent missile tests.

After the regime's launch of an ICBM on Tuesday, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson called for further isolation of North Korea, adding that any country providing it with an economic benefit is "aiding and abetting a dangerous regime."

In his speech, Mr. Moon called Pyongyang the missile test "an outright rejection of the repeated warnings by the international community," and a "very disappointing and a largely wrong decision," according to an unofficial translation supplied by his government.

"If North Korea does not stop its nuclear provocations, there is no other choice but to further strengthen sanctions and pressure," he said, but added that his hope of reopening inter-Korean dialogue has the support of Mr. Trump and a "consensus" with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Mr. Moon proposed reconnecting train lines from South Korea through North Korea to Russia and Europe. He raised the idea of a gas pipeline linking the two Koreas and Russia, part of a "new economic map for the Korean Peninsula."

Inter-Korean family reunions, which have been held sporadically, should be resumed in October on humanitarian grounds, he said. He invited North Koreans to visit their hometowns and ancestral graves in the South.

North Korea rejected an earlier offer by the Moon administration to restart family reunions, demanding that the South first agree to turn over a group of North Korean restaurant workers who defected to Seoul last year. Pyongyang says

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they were kidnapped by the South.

Mr. Moon said he is inheriting the efforts of previous left-leaning presidents, who in 2000 and 2007 met with then-North Korean leader Kim Jong Il in Pyongyang. Those summits had put the Korean Peninsula on "a path of reconciliation and cooperation," he said.

Mr. Moon said Germany's reunification underscored the importance of peace and cooperation based on mutual respect. He said that Germans "made the decision of unification by themselves"—echoing calls by North Korea and many in the South that Korean reunification should be settled without interference by outsiders, including the U.S.

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Subject: Yonhap / S. Korea, U.S. hold joint missile drills against N. Korea

News Tickers

July 04, 2017 1835 EDT

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S. Korea, U.S. hold joint missile drills against N. Korea (Yonhap)

SEOUL (Yonhap) - South Korea and the United States staged a massive combined ballistic missile exercise Wednesday aimed at sending a warning message to North Korea, the South's military said a day after the communist country claimed a successful long-range missile test.

The allies fired a barrage of missiles, including the Hyunmoo-2 and the ATACMS, into the East Sea, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It came in response to the North's assertion that it has mastered the atmospheric re-entry technology for intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM).

The Korean Central News Agency also said the country's ICBM is capable of carrying a large-sized warhead.

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Cc: Black, Joshua J <BlackJ@state.gov>; Lee, David Y <LeeDY@state.gov>
Subject: RE: DPRK

Absolutely, will do.

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From: Wachtel, Howard
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Hi guys-

Can you please pass along the info for those DPRK pieces to Josh Black and David Lee at USUN?

Thanks very much,
Howie
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Subject: Re: FINAL & STATE VERSIONS: N Korea EO, OFAC and FinCEN Action - Release and If Asked

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Thank you!

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Attached is what I just got back from Treasury as the latest versions of the release and TP's.
In case folks want to compare, I have also included the versions with State edits/comments that I sent to Treasury last night. Here's the clearance list from State:
D/CSP AMilhailescu (ok)
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L/NPV NNagy (ok)
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Warmest regards,
Eveline

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Eveline et al, could you please share the final draft for use today? Thank you!
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To: Teel, Wynne M; Harris, Robert K; Heinemann, Thomas B; O'Connor, Elizabeth M
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A couple of comments from me.
Thanks,

Jess
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A couple of nits. + Tom Heineman and Beth O'Connor [redacted] and dropping the L/EB collective B5
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Attached are edits from L/EAP and L/HRR [redacted]. Given the tight deadline, these have not been coordinated with L/EB or other L offices. B5
Bob Harris

From: Tseng, Eveline W
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Thanks to everyone in the cc line for you/your offices' clearances.
L, DRL, and P – please clear asap. Attached are the latest versions with all edits consolidated.
Warmest regards,
Eveline

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Subject: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE BY 3PM TODAY: N Korea EO, OFAC and FinCEN Action - Release and If Asked for CLEAR
Sorry for the delay. Text is fine from EAP/K's perspective. We had an earlier look at it this morning from OFAC policy.
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To: Mihailescu, Andrea R; Kim, Shaun; Tseng, Eveline W; Gile, Robertson S; Kraut, Benjamin; Zarzecki, Thomas; Wang, Mimi; Chalmers, Jennifer A; McCandless, Daniel C; Evans, Peter O; Lee, David Y; Cartin, Joshua M; Wang, Joe; Wachtel, Howard; Rajadurai, Merin; Erthum, Kristen; Khawam, Joseph N
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+ Joe Khawam for L/EB.
My apologies for not adding L sooner, as Joe is just getting this, please allow time for his clearance.
Thank you!
Elizabeth
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+ EAP Press and ISN Press for their awareness and help in getting clearances in their bureaus
Thanks all in advance for your quick action!
Warmest regards,
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Folks,

This just came in from Treasury – press release and If Asked for new DPRK EO, OFAC and FinCEN actions. Treasury advised that State's policy folks have already seen this and provided input so everyone can **clear by 2:30PM today**.

Also added in 7th floor clearers -- please feel to loop in others I may have inadvertently left off.

Many thanks!

Warmest regards,

Eveline

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Subject: N Korea EO, OFAC and FinCEN Action - Release and If Asked for CLEAR

All,

Attached are the press release and If Asked docs for the N. Korea EO, OFAC and FinCEN actions for tomorrow. Apologies for the delay, though policy folks said they sent through classified and policy channels yesterday and earlier today. We'd like to request CLEAR by 3 PM today if possible.

Michael, you should have received the latest version of the Secretary's prepared remarks under separate cover as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

Seth

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Folks,

This just came in from Treasury – press release and If Asked for new DPRK EO, OFAC and FinCEN actions. Treasury advised that State's policy folks have already seen this and provided input so everyone can **clear by 2:30PM today**.

Also added in 7th floor clearers -- please feel to loop in others I may have inadvertently left off.

Many thanks!

Warmest regards,
Eveline

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All,

Attached are the press release and If Asked docs for the N. Korea EO, OFAC and FinCEN actions for tomorrow. Apologies for the delay, though policy folks said they sent through classified and policy channels yesterday and earlier today. We'd like to request CLEAR by 3 PM today if possible.

Michael, you should have received the latest version of the Secretary's prepared remarks under separate cover as well. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,
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Audrey, In case others at CM haven't cleared, I clear. [redacted] B5

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Thanks Michael. This is immensely helpful.

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I have attached edits from RUS at the working level, which are on top of those from USUN.

Adding EUR-EE for clearance, and I'm seeking office director RUS clearance now. Due to the time frame, I wanted you to have this now, however.

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Huge thanks, David.

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Audrey,

Thanks much. Please find USUN edits to both call sheets in the attached – we clear with these edits. A few updates:

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Best,
David

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The Russia call sheet should go through the EUR Front Office. I will work on some additional points.

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Colleagues,

Happy 4th of July!

Please find for your immediate clearance call sheets to support two calls between S and Russian FM Lavrov and S and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi.

Kindly request your clearance on the attached by 11:30 AM **today.** Feel free to call me at: 202-647-0176 with questions and/or comments.

Regards,

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Thank you, Kelly. USUN clears.
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All,
Please clear the attached BCL by 3pm today. Joe Yun is meeting with Morgulov tomorrow.
Thanks,
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New post on **European Sanctions Blog**

3 Latvian banks fined for compliance failure relating to DPRK sanctions

by Maya Lester QC

Latvia's banking regulator has fined 3 Latvian banks, Regionala Investiciju Banka, Privatbank, and Baltikums Bank, for failing to prevent their clients from using them to circumvent sanctions on DPRK. The investigation was conducted in collaboration with the US Treasury and the FBI.

The Latvian Financial and Capital Market Commission, said in a statement that "several customers of the banks, making use of offshore companies and complicated chain transactions, transferred funds from their bank accounts to circumvent international sanctions requirements against North Korea". Privatbank and Baltikums bank were both fined €35,575 for having weaknesses in their customer due diligence and transaction monitoring systems, Regionala was fined €570,364 and warnings were issued to its compliance team for weaknesses in its compliance systems and failing to ensure they were functioning correctly.

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Courtesy of The Korea Herald

This is Cheong Wa Dae's unofficial translation of President Moon Jae-in's speech delivered Thursday at Berlin's Old City Hall upon the invitation of the Körber Foundation. -- Ed.

Respected German citizens,
My fellow countrymen at home,
Dr. Paulsen, member of the executive board of the Körber Foundation,
Mr. Modrow, former Prime Minister of East Germany,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
First of all, I would like to express my endless respect to Germany and the German people for overcoming the Cold War and its division, accomplishing unification, and with this strength, leading the integration of Europe and international peace.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Federal Government of Germany and the Körber Foundation for arranging this event today.

Moreover, I would like to extend my deepest condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family and the German people for the passing of the late Helmut Kohl, former Chancellor of Germany. The Republic of Korea will remember Chancellor Helmut Kohl's legacy of leading the unification of Germany and European integration through active and enthusiastic diplomacy despite the challenging environment of the Cold War.

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Distinguished guests from home and abroad,

The Berlin in which we are here today is the very place where 17 years ago President Kim Dae-jung of the Republic of Korea introduced the "Berlin Doctrine" which laid out the foundation for reconciliation and cooperation between South and North Korea. Moreover, this Altes Stadhaus is a historic site where the German Unification Treaty was negotiated.

Today, at the very place where Berlin's lesson is still alive, I would like to outline the Korean Peninsula peace initiative of the new Korean Government.

Distinguished guests,

To Korea, which is the last divided nation on this planet, the experience of Germany's unification gives hope for unification, and at the same time shows us the path that we need to follow.

First and foremost, it is the importance of the process leading to unification. Germany's unification made us realize how important the process of peace and cooperation based on mutual respect really is. The German people made the decision of unification by themselves based on the trust that was built during this process.

The citizens of East and West Germany interacted and cooperated with each other in various areas, and the two Governments guaranteed this institutionally. Nonpolitical exchanges in the private sector unlatched the gate of political ideology and the people from East and West Germany started to open their hearts towards each other.

The fact that the Ostpolitik continued for twenty-some years is also an important point. The reason that a consistent policy was possible in spite of the change of governments is because it was supported by the people and was built upon the cooperation of the international community.

Germany understood that when a peaceful order is created in Europe, the unification of Germany would also be possible under that structure. By keeping pace with and at times persuading the international community, Germany was able to obtain strong security, and was assured support for inter-German relations.

The German unification process, which was initiated by Chancellor Willy Brandt, was completed under Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who was from a different political party. Likewise, I believe that for peace and common prosperity on the Korean Peninsula, there should be continued cooperation that transcends partisan lines.

Distinguished guests,

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For the Korean people who long for peace and unification of the Korean Peninsula, Berlin is remembered together with the "Berlin Declaration" made by President Kim Dae-jung.

President Kim's Berlin Declaration led to the first inter-Korean Summit in 2000, and brought about the great transformation which enabled the South and the North, that had been in confrontation and conflict for more than six decades after the division and war, to enter into a path of reconciliation and cooperation.

Following this path, President Roh Moo-hyun set a new milestone for the development of inter-Korean relations and peace and prosperity through the second inter-Korean Summit in 2007.

President Kim Dae-jung and President Roh Moo-hyun also promoted international cooperation in order for peace to take root on the Korean Peninsula.

At the time, the Six-Party Talks adopted the Sept. 19 Joint Statement and the Feb. 13 Joint Statement that outlined the principles and direction for resolving the North Korean nuclear issue. There was also progress in North Korea-US relations and North Korea-Japan relations.

I am inheriting these two former government's efforts and, at the same time, with a more leading role by the Korean government, will embark on a dauntless journey towards establishing a peace regime on the Korean Peninsula.

Respected guests from home and abroad,

The biggest challenge that the Korean Peninsula is facing is the North Korean nuclear issue. North Korea is continuing its nuclear and missile provocations and is threatening the peace on the Korean Peninsula, Northeast Asia, and furthermore, world peace.

In particular, the missile provocation just two days ago was a very disappointing and a largely wrong decision.

It is not only a clear violation of UN Security Council resolutions, but is also an outright rejection of the repeated warnings by the international community. Above all, for my Government, which at long last had arranged a path towards dialogue through the recent ROK-US Summit, the level of regret is even deeper.

This choice by the North was reckless. It incurred punishment by the international community. It is testing my Government's commitment that if North Korea stops its provocative actions and shows its will towards denuclearization, my Government will lead the way in helping the North receive the international community's support and

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cooperation.

I hope that North Korea will not cross the bridge of no return. North Korea must give up its nuclear and missile development and find a way in which it can cooperate with the international community.

The complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is the agreed demand of the international community and is the absolute condition for peace on the Korean Peninsula. This means that the decision for denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is the only way North Korea will be guaranteed its security.

Therefore, I would like to emphasize that now is the last chance for North Korea to make the right decision and also the best time to do so. This is because we have reached the tipping point of the vicious circle of military escalation, and thus, the need for dialogue is more pressing than ever before.

It is also important to note that the basic conditions have been met to restart the Korean Peninsula Peace Process which had been halted.

Recently, Korea and the United States agreed on the overall direction that sanctions are a diplomatic tool and the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula should be achieved in a peaceful manner. Our two countries also made clear that we do not have a hostile policy towards North Korea. We affirmed that, together with the international community, we can provide a brighter future to North Korea, depending on its decision.

Korea and the United States also shared the view that in order to create a breakthrough of the current crisis on the Korean Peninsula, improvement in inter-Korean relations is vital. President Trump supported Korea's leading role in creating an environment conducive to the peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula, and also supported my initiative to reopen inter-Korean dialogue.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and I also reached a consensus on this matter.

For quite some time, I have argued that my country must sit in the driver's seat and lead Korean Peninsula-related issues based on cooperation with our neighbors. Now the conditions are finally being fostered.

It has also been repeatedly confirmed that if the right conditions are met, the United States, China, and the rest of the international community are keeping the door open for dialogue at any time.

Now we are left with North Korea to make its decision.

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Whether it will come out to the forum for dialogue, or whether it will kick away this opportunity of dialogue that has been difficultly made, is only a decision that North Korea can make.

But if North Korea does not stop its nuclear provocations, there is no other choice but to further strengthen sanctions and pressure. Peace on the Korean Peninsula and North Korea's security will not be guaranteed.

I look forward to and urge North Korea to accept this commitment of my Government and the international community towards peace on the Korean Peninsula as a very significant and urgent signal.

Distinguished guests,

Now I would like to outline my Government's policy direction that will lead to dissolving the Cold War structure and establishing lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

First, what we are pursuing is only peace.

A peaceful Korean Peninsula is a peninsula free from the threat of nuclear weapons and war. It is a peninsula where the South and the North recognize and respect each other and live well together.

We already know the road that leads to a peaceful Korean Peninsula. It is returning to the June 15 Joint Declaration and the Oct. 4 Declaration.

Through these two declarations, the South and the North clearly stated that the owner of inter-Korean issues is our own nation, and committed to closely cooperate in easing tensions and guaranteeing peace on the Korean Peninsula. The two Koreas also promised to walk the path of common prosperity through cooperative projects in every sector of the society, including in the economic field.

This spirit of agreement that was made on the foundation of mutual respect between the South and the North is still valid. And it is also desperate. We must return to that spirit where the South and the North together worked towards realizing a peaceful peninsula.

I clearly state the following: we do not wish for North Korea's collapse, and will not work towards any kind of unification through absorption. Neither will we pursue an artificial unification.

Unification is a process where both sides seek coexistence and co-prosperity and restore its national community. When peace is established, unification will be realized naturally someday through the agreement between the South and the North. What my Government and I would like to realize is only peace.

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Second, my Government will pursue the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula that guarantees the security of the North Korean regime.

Last April, rumors that we are on the brink of war swept over the Korean Peninsula and the entire world. The military tension around the Korean Peninsula is like a "powder keg" of the world.

We need to urgently ease the military tension on the Korean Peninsula. We need to rebuild the trust that has collapsed between the South and the North. In this regard, we will seek exchanges and dialogue. North Korea also needs to stop from any more nuclear provocations. We need to establish a military management system to prevent accidental clashes.

A more fundamental solution is to uproot the North Korean nuclear issue. The North Korean nuclear issue has become much more difficult to deal with than the past with the advancement of North Korea's nuclear arsenal. A step-by-step and comprehensive approach is required.

My Government, in cooperation with the international community, will work towards a comprehensive solution of the current issues on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia, including the complete dismantlement of North Korea's nuclear program and establishing a peace regime, easing North Korea's security and economic concerns, and improving North Korea-US and North Korea-Japan relations.

However, it takes two to tango. This is only possible when North Korea fully stops its nuclear provocations and comes out to the forum of bilateral and multilateral dialogue on denuclearization.

Third, my Government will work towards establishing a permanent peace regime.

The Korean Peninsula has been under an armistice for more than 60 years since 1953. Firm peace cannot be realized under an unstable armistice system. The invaluable agreements between the South and the North should not be shaken or broken every time there is a change of government.

We need to institutionalize peace.

Domestically, my Government will work towards enacting into law the inter-Korean agreements. We will make it clear that all agreements between the South and the North are basic assets of the Korean Peninsula that should be inherited even when there is a change of government.

In order to establish a permanent peace structure on the Korean Peninsula, we need to conclude a peace treaty with the participation of

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relevant countries, and formally end the war. Through a comprehensive approach on the North Korean nuclear issue and establishing a peace regime on the Korean Peninsula, my Government will pursue the conclusion of a peace treaty along with complete denuclearization.

Fourth, my Government will work towards drawing a new economic map on the Korean Peninsula.

Economic cooperation where the South and the North prosper together is an important foundation of establishing peace on the Korean Peninsula.

I have planned a 'new economic map for the Korean Peninsula.' If there is progress in the North Korean nuclear issue and if appropriate conditions are met, my Government will draw a new economic map on the Korean Peninsula.

We will freshly connect the South and the North, where it has been disconnected by the military demarcation line, with an economic belt and establish an economic community where the two Koreas proper together.

The severed inter-Korean railway will be connected again. A train departing from Busan and Mokpo will run through Pyongyang and Beijing, and head towards Russia and Europe. Cooperation projects in Northeast Asia, such as the gas pipeline project connecting the two Koreas and Russia, may also be implemented.

South and North Korea will prosper together as a bridging country connecting the Asian mainland and the Pacific. The South and the North need only to implement the Oct. 4 Declaration together. Then the world will see a new economic model of an economy of peace and co-prosperity.

Fifth, my Government will consistently pursue nonpolitical exchange and cooperation projects by separating it from the political and military situation.

The exchange and cooperation projects between South and North Korea are the process of healing the wounds and realizing reconciliation among all members on the Korean Peninsula and also efforts towards building peace from within.

In both Koreas there are separated families who can no longer visit their hometown due to the division and war. It is truly an embarrassment for both governments of the South and the North for not being able to heal the scars for more than six decades.

Among the separated family members who have applied to the Korean Government to meet their families in the North, there are more than

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60,000 people who are still alive and their average age is 81 years old. The situation in North Korea should be the same. We need to let them meet their families while they are still alive. This is a pressing humanitarian issue that needs be addressed in front of any political considerations.

Issues that the peoples of the South and the North suffer from due to the division need to be addressed by the authorities of the two Koreas.

When the rivers in North Korea overflow, the people in South Korea suffer from floods. Infectious diseases, forest pests, and forest fires do not observe the boundaries between the South and the North. My Government will work towards cooperation in which the South and the North jointly addresses these problems.

Exchanges among the private sector have contributed to easing tensions and restoring homogeneity between the two Koreas ahead of exchanges between the two governments. Expanding exchanges in the private sector is a valuable asset that can help untie the tight knot between the South and the North.

My Government will widely support exchanges of the private sector in various areas. We will also actively support exchanges among different regions.

The universal value and international norms of respecting human beings must be observed all around the Korean Peninsula.

My Government will join the international community in raising its clear voice against the poor human rights conditions that the North Korean people are living in. In addition, my Government will expand its humanitarian cooperation in a way that actually helps the North Korean people.

Distinguished guests,

My Government and I are ready to implement while holding firmly to these policy directions.

The South and the North need to work hand-in-hand and make a breakthrough in realizing peace on the Korean Peninsula. I suggest to North Korea that we first start with what is easy.
First, let us solve the pressing humanitarian issue.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Oct. 4 Declaration. Also, Chusuk, which is one of our nation's greatest traditional holidays, falls on Oct. 4 this year.

In the Oct. 4 Declaration, the two Koreas agreed to expand the family reunions between the separated families and relatives.

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If the family reunion event can be held on this day when these two meaningful anniversaries overlap, it will be a meaningful start respecting and observing the agreement already made between the South and the North.

If North Korea is ready to take one step further, I suggest that we also include visiting the ancestral graves for this year's family reunion event.

The separated family members of the divided Germany were allowed not only exchanges of letters and phone calls but even exchange of visits and migration. There is no reason why we cannot do the same. Before more members of separated families leave us behind, we must wipe their tears. If North Korea is not ready immediately, our side will allow and open North Korean separated family members to visit their hometown and ancestral graves in the South. I look forward to North Korea's positive response, and hope that South-North Korean Red Cross talks will be held to discuss the reunion of separated family members.

Second, let us make the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics an 'Olympic of Peace' with the participation of the North.

In Feb. 2018, the Winter Olympics will be held in Pyeonchang, Korea, which is only 100 km away from the military demarcation line. Two years later in 2020, the Summer Olympics will be held in Tokyo, and in 2022, the Winter Olympics will be held in Beijing.

My Government would like to suggest to North Korea to utilize these series of precious events held in Asia as an opportunity for building peace on the Korean Peninsula, in Northeast Asia, and the world.

Sports have the power of connecting one heart to another.

When athletes from South and North Korea, and from the rest of the world, sweat and compete against each other, offer a hand to fellow athletes who have fallen down, and embrace each other, the world will witness peace through the Olympic games.

I look forward to opening together a new era of peace on the Korean Peninsula while applauding together with the leaders of the world. As the IOC has promised its cooperation on the participation of North Korea in the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, I look forward to North Korea's active and positive response.

Third, let us mutually halt acts of hostility around the Military Demarcation Line (MDL).

Even at this moment, a war without gunfire continues along the MDL on the Korean Peninsula. The escalation of military tension between the two militaries remains unchanged. This situation increases the

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danger of armed conflict between the South and the North and threatens the safety of the people who are living in the areas nearby on both sides.

July 27 this year marks the 64th anniversary of the Armistice Agreement. If the two Koreas, starting this day, stop all acts of hostility that escalate military tension on the MDL, it will provide a meaningful opportunity to ease tensions between the two Koreas.

Fourth, inter-Korean dialogue is necessary for peace on the Korean Peninsula and South-North cooperation.

Easing tension on the Korean Peninsula is the most urgent issue between the South and the North. The current situation where there is no contact between the relevant authorities of the South and the North is highly dangerous. We need to start with contacts to manage the situation and move on to meaningful dialogue.

I am ready to meet with Chairman Kim Jong-un of North Korea at any time at any place, if the conditions are met and if it will provide an opportunity to transform the tension and confrontation on the Korean Peninsula. We can place on the dialogue table all issues of interest between the South and the North, including the nuclear issue and the peace treaty, and discuss peace on the Korean Peninsula and inter-Korean cooperation.

It will not be solved with only one attempt. However, making a start is important. One can take a step forward only after rising up from one's seat. I look forward to North Korea's decision.

Respected guests from home and abroad,

Germany overcame the Cold War and achieved unification before Korea, but it is now facing other challenges against peace, such as regionalism, terrorism, and refugees.

I believe that Germany, through the spirit of democracy and peaceful coexistence of Berlin, will overcome these new challenges and complete the integration of the German society and Europe.

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Germany and Korea will not stop its march towards peace. Our two countries will always support, cheer, and be in solidarity with each other. Let us firmly walk together towards a better life for mankind and a brighter future for the world.

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The North's possession of a working ICBM -- something that Trump has vowed "won't happen" -- would force a fundamental recalculation of the strategic threat posed by the isolated, impoverished state.

The "landmark" test of a Hwasong-14 missile was overseen by leader Kim Jong-Un, an emotional female announcer said on state Korean Central Television.

The broadcaster showed his handwritten order to carry out the launch, and pictures of him grinning in celebration, clenching his fist.

The rocket was "a very powerful ICBM that can strike any place in the world", the announcer said, and "a major breakthrough in the history of our republic".

In a statement the North's Academy of Defence Science, which developed the missile, said it reached an altitude of 2,802 kilometres and flew 933 kilometres, calling it the "final gate to rounding off the state nuclear force".

There are still doubts whether the North can miniaturise a nuclear weapon sufficiently to fit it onto a missile nose cone, or if it has mastered the technology needed for it to survive the difficult re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere.

But the country has made great progress in its missile capabilities since the ascension to power of Kim, who has overseen three nuclear tests and multiple rocket launches.

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The United Nations has imposed multiple sets of sanctions on Pyongyang, which retorts that it needs nuclear arms to defend itself against the threat of invasion.

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- 'All of Alaska' -

US Pacific Command confirmed the test and said it was a land-based, intermediate range missile that flew for 37 minutes before splashing down in the Sea of Japan, adding the launch did not pose a threat to North America.

Moscow's defence ministry called it medium-range in a statement to Russian news agencies.

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David Wright, of the Union of Concerned Scientists, wrote on the organisation's allthingsnuclear blog that the available figures implied the missile had "a maximum range of roughly 6,700 km on a standard trajectory".

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Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters: "This launch clearly shows that the threat has grown."

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South Korea's President Moon Jae-In, who backs both engagement with the North to bring it to the negotiating table and sanctions, and met Trump for a summit in Washington at the weekend, warned the North against crossing a "red line".

"I hope North Korea will not cross the bridge of no return," he said.

- 'Not wise' -

Washington, South Korea's security guarantor, has more than 28,000 troops in the country to defend it from its communist neighbour. Fears of conflict reached a peak earlier this year as the Trump administration suggested military action was an option under consideration.

There has also been anger in the United States over the death of Otto Warmbier, an American student detained in North Korea for around 18 months before he was returned home in a coma in June.

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China buys North Korean coal, a revenue source for the isolated North. But a South Korean industry group, the Korea International Trade Association, says those purchases are off 45 percent this year.

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We also have an important stick. If China refuses to proceed along these lines, we would be better positioned to pursue widespread secondary sanctions against Chinese firms doing business with North Korea beyond the Treasury Department's sanctioning of a Chinese bank last week. We would be left with little choice.

Of course, this idea is no silver bullet. It doesn't answer the question of how to get verifiable, enforceable, durable constraints on North Korea. It won't go very far if what North Korea really cares about is extracting something from the United States. But North Korea is the land of lousy options. We should be looking for a strategy that gives us not only a better chance of success but also some advantages if it fails.
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We also have an important stick. If China refuses to proceed along these lines, we would be better positioned to pursue widespread secondary sanctions against Chinese firms doing business with North Korea beyond the Treasury Department's sanctioning of a Chinese bank last week. We would be left with little choice.

Of course, this idea is no silver bullet. It doesn't answer the question of how to get verifiable, enforceable, durable constraints on North Korea. It won't go very far if what North Korea really cares about is extracting something from the United States. But North Korea is the land of lousy options. We should be looking for a strategy that gives us not only a better chance of success but also some advantages if it fails.

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Colleagues – Just making sure that you saw the final U.S.-ROK Joint Statement.

Thanks again for all of your help and quick turnarounds.

Best,
Zach

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Subject: Re: Press Release: Permanent Representatives of the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea Request Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on DPRK

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From: Lee, David Y
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:16 PM
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Cc: McMillan, Emily B.; Tachco, Amy N; Black, Joshua J
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Yes, Josh and I should be available then. Thanks!

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Thanks for these David.

Setting up a phone call for tomorrow at 1am. Would you want to join?

Best,
Maggie

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Maggie, here's some basic points [redacted] B5

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David

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David Lee is going to put something together—we will try and get to you ASAP. My apologies for the delay.

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Checking in on this... any points or willingness to do a call?

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David and David-

Checking in to see what we can share with SFRC (Carolyn and Michael). They have asked for a call early next week.

Best,
Maggie

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From: Lee, David Y
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 7:36 PM
To: Glaccum, David M; Smith, Austin M; Dougherty, Margaret R
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.; Tachco, Amy N; Black, Joshua J
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David, will do. Thanks.

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Team,

My apologies for the delayed response.

I agree with David and others that engagement is good [redacted] B5
[redacted] David L. – tomorrow (not tonight) can you draft up a couple bullets you are comfortable sharing? B5

Thanks.

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+ Amy/Josh

Hi Austin/Maggie,

[redacted] B5

Also agree that engaging them is a good thing [redacted] B5 which Amb. Haley already previewed today in her SC remarks. So perhaps late next week, a short call with staffers for a general discussion could be helpful and I'm happy to participate.

Thanks,
David

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Cc: Glaccum, David M; McMillan, Emily B.
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[redacted] In any event, let's discuss in B5 the morning meeting.

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Cc: Glaccum, David M; McMillan, Emily B.
Subject: FW: Press Release: Permanent Representatives of the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea Request Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on DPRK

Austin/David-

[redacted] let me know if you think we can do this. B5

Thanks!

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From: Leddy, Carolyn (Foreign Relations) [mailto:Carolyn_Leddy@foreign.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Dougherty, Margaret R
Cc: Schiffer, Michael (Foreign Relations)
Subject: RE: Press Release: Permanent Representatives of the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea Request Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on DPRK

Hey Maggie,

Can we set up a call in the coming days to discuss the status and substance of negotiations on a new UNSCR?

Thanks,
Carolyn

From: Dougherty, Margaret R [mailto:DoughertyMR@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Leddy, Carolyn (Foreign Relations) <Carolyn_Leddy@foreign.senate.gov>
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Subject: RE: Request for Courtesy Call with H.E. Ms. Nikki Haley concerning Fact-Finding Tour of South Korean and Japanese Congressmen to the United Nations

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Sorry for the late reply. Yes, I'd be happy to.
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Subject: Fw: Request for Courtesy Call with H.E. Ms. Nikki Haley concerning Fact-Finding Tour of South Korean and Japanese Congressmen to the United Nations
This feels like something you should do, right?

From: Roskam, Gracey <RoskamG@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Tachco, Amy N; Gee, Stephen J
Subject: FW: Request for Courtesy Call with H.E. Ms. Nikki Haley concerning Fact-Finding Tour of South Korean and Japanese Congressmen to the United Nations
Event: Meeting: Courtesy call with Thomas Walsh (President, Universal Peace Federation) and Dr. Tageldin Hamad (WANGO Office of UN & Int. Relations)
Flex date: Prior to July 11
Invited by: Thomas Walsh and Dr. Tageldin Hamad
Details: Briefing on the matter of high level delegation of Parliamentarians from S Korea and Japan for a fact-finding tour in the US, including meetings in Washington DC and the UN
POL recommendation:

-----Original Message-----
From: Genie Kagawa [mailto:] B6
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:00 AM
To: USUN, Scheduling; Genie Kagawa
Subject: Re-sending Corrected Letter of Request for Courtesy Call with H.E. Ms. Nikki Haley concerning Fact-Finding Tour of South Korean and Japanese Congressmen to the United Nations

To: H.E. Nikki Haley, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations
From: Dr. Thomas G. Walsh and Dr. Tageldin Hamad, Universal Peace Federation
Date: July 5, 2017

Your Excellency,

Please find attached a letter of Request for Courtesy Call with H.E. Ms. Nikki Haley concerning a Facting-Finding Tour of South Korean and Japanese Congressmen to the United Nations.

We look forward to Your Excellency's reply at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully yours,

Ms. Genie Kagawa
Director, UPF Executive Office
Universal Peace Federation
Tel.
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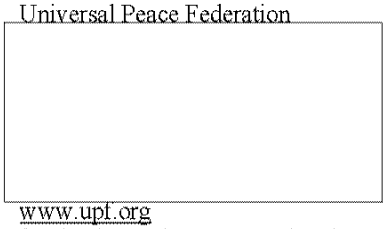
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From: Lee, David Y </O=SBUSTATE/OU=USUN AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LEEDAVID>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 7:06 PM
To: Cooper, Kurtis A <CooperKA@state.gov>; Black, Joshua J <BlackJ@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to WP on DPRK in Africa

No but it looks good. Thanks for checking
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From: Cooper, Kurtis A
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Black, Joshua J; Lee, David Y
Subject: FW: Response to WP on DPRK in Africa

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From: Sadoski, Nicholas A
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:32 PM
To: Cooper, Kurtis A; Mattson, Megan M
Subject: Response to WP on DPRK in Africa

Hey guys - planning to deploy these lines on background after getting contacted by a Post reporter in Namibia. Clearances from EAP, ISN and L/UNA. Let me know if you have any concerns. Questions from WP below.

How concerned are you about the revenue stream that these African states provide to North Korea? Is it your understanding that they are still actively generating revenue for North Korea? Do you consider these relationships to be in violation of UN sanctions? Is the State Department doing anything to crack down on these ties? Is there any one relationship between North Korea and an African nation that you find particularly troubling?

Looking specifically at Namibia, is it your understanding that the country is violating UN sanctions by paying North Korea for these construction projects? Has the State Department done anything to encourage the Namibian government to cut ties with North Korea? How problematic is this bilateral relationship from your perspective?

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Cc:	Lee, David Y <LeeDY@state.gov>; Black, Joshua J <BlackJ@state.gov>
Subject:	FW: ROK Foreign Minister Kang 4 S 07/04 @ 0905 Call Readout Available

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From: Operations Center
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Smith, Austin M
Subject: ROK Foreign Minister Kang 4 S 07/04 @ 0905 Call Readout Available

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Dear Colleagues:

This message is to notify you that a call readout for the call between the **Secretary** and **ROK Foreign Minister Kang** on **07/04 @ 0905** is available.

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From: Stephen Noerper <[redacted] B6
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Lee, David Y <LeeDY@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Special Invitation: North Korea's Cyber Threat, July 12@4PM

Run of show per earlier note:

Noon Convenes
12PM Call to order and Invocation: Dr. Stephen Noerper
1203PM Ceremonial Music and Colors
1210PM Welcome and comments by President Thomas Byrne
1215PM Keynote comments by CG AMB Kim
1220PM Keynote comments by Senator D'Amato
1225PM Closing Comments by Korean War veterans Area Commander Sal Scarlato
1230PM Move to lunch at Pier A

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On Fri, Jun 30, 2017 at 12:12 PM, Stephen Noerper <[redacted]> wrote: B6

> Thanks, David, and look forward to seeing you at 4PM on July 12. You will love our new spot, just down the block about 6-8 minutes from you. Please come for drinks and a look around when you've time. Back in on July 5.
>
> By the way, do you think. Ambassador Haley would have any interest in offering short comments at the Korean War Veteran Armistice Day ceremony at the Battery Park Memorial on July 27 at noon? If shoe would be inclined, I would extend an e-vite. We will have US and UN veterans in attendance.
>
> Best S.
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> On Fri, Jun 30, 2017 at 12:03 PM, Lee, David Y <LeeDY@state.gov> wrote:
>
> > Hi Stephen, please count me in! Thanks.
> >
> > **From:** Stephen Noerper [mailto[redacted] B6
> > **Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 11:27 AM
> > **To:** Stephen Noerper
> > **Subject:** Special Invitation: North Korea's Cyber Threat, July 12@4PM
> >
> > Dear Colleague,
> >
> > I am delighted to welcome you to the Korea Society's new offices and executive boardroom at 350 Madison Avenue on **July 12**, 2017 at 4PM for a discussion on *North Korea's Cyber Threat*. Our discussants for this ninety-minute session will be the Council on Foreign Relations' Adam Segal and Symantec's Vikram Thakur. Adam Segal is the Ira A. Lipman Chair in Emerging Technologies and National Security and Director of the Digital and Cyberspace Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations. Vikram Thakur is a Senior Manager within Symantec's Security Response Team.

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Seating is limited and *first-come* for this private, boardroom session. Should you wish to attend, please RSVP to me directly by July 7. Please visit koreasociety.org for a complete range of offerings, information on the Society's new location, and its 60th anniversary celebrations.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Noerper

Expert bios follow:

Adam Segal is the Ira A. Lipman chair in emerging technologies and national security and director of the Digital and Cyberspace Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). An expert on security issues, technology development, and Chinese domestic and foreign policy, Segal was the project director for the CFR-sponsored Independent Task Force report *Defending an Open, Global, Secure, and Resilient Internet*. His book *The Hacked World Order: How Nations Fight, Trade, Maneuver, and Manipulate in the Digital Age* (PublicAffairs, 2016) describes the increasingly contentious geopolitics of cyberspace. His work has appeared in the *Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Foreign Affairs*, among others. He currently writes for the blog, ﷺNet Politics.ﷺ

Vikram Thakur is a Senior Manager within Symantec's Security Response team. He manages a team of analysts investigating, researching and compiling actionable intelligence from the multitude of attacks happening every single day. In addition, Thakur liaises such research with various global law enforcement agencies and industry partners, with the intention of bringing cyber criminals to justice and mitigating online risk for end users. He has held multiple roles within the past 8 years at Symantec, all of which encompassed researching, analyzing and responding to online threats to better protect end users. He holds a graduate degree in Computer Science, which he earned from Florida State University.

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Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 10:50 AM
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Subject: Re: Transcript of Amb. Haley's July 5 remarks on DPRK ICBM launch

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Thanks, Matthew.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 10:49 AM, Ouimet, Matthew J <OuimetMJ@state.gov<mailto:OuimetMJ@state.gov>> wrote:

Dear Colleagues,

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Please find below the remarks of Ambassador Haley to yesterday's emergency UN Security Council meeting on the DPRK ICBM launch. What follows are both her scripted remarks—as delivered—and her response to the Russian presentation which she offered toward the conclusion of the session. If you would like to watch the recorded session, you can find it here: http://webtv.un.org/live-now/watch/security-council-non-proliferation-democratic-peoples-republic-of-korea-7996th-meeting/5454562543001.

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Remarks at an Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on Nonproliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Ambassador Nikki Haley
U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
New York City
July 5, 2017

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Thank you, Mr. President.

To my friends on the Security Council, I must say that today is a dark day. It is a dark day because yesterday's actions by North Korea made the world a more dangerous place. Their illegal missile launch was not only dangerous, but reckless and irresponsible. It showed that North Korea does not want to be part of a peaceful world. They have cast a dark shadow of conflict on all nations that strive for peace.

Yesterday's act came from the same vicious dictator who sent a young college student back home to his parents, unresponsive and in a coma. For Americans, the true nature of the North Korean regime was painfully brought home with the images of two guards holding Otto Warmbier up as they transported him from a prison he should never have been in. Otto Warmbier is but one person out of millions who have been killed, tortured, or deprived of their human rights by the North Korean regime.

To Americans, the death of one innocent person can be as powerful as the death of millions. Because all men and women are created in God's image, depravity toward one is a sure sign of willingness to do much more harm.

The nature of the North Korean regime is clear; only the scale of the damage it does could become different. That's why yesterday's escalation is so alarming. If North Korea will treat an innocent young student the way it treated Otto Warmbier, we should not be surprised if it acts barbarically on a larger scale.

The United States does not seek conflict. In fact, we seek to avoid it. We seek only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and an end to the threatening actions by North Korea. Regrettably, we're witnessing just the opposite. Make no mistake, North Korea's launch of an ICBM is a clear and sharp military escalation. The North Korean regime openly states that its missiles are intended to deliver nuclear weapons to strike cities in the United States, South Korea, and Japan. And now it has a greater capacity to do

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so.

In truth, it is not only the United States and our allies that are threatened. North Korea's destabilizing escalation is a threat to all nations in the region and beyond. Their actions are quickly closing off the possibility of a diplomatic solution.

The United States is prepared to use the full range of our capabilities to defend ourselves and our allies. One of our capabilities lies with our considerable military forces. We will use them if we must, but we prefer not to have to go in that direction. We have other methods of addressing those who threaten us and of addressing those who supply the threats. We have great capabilities in the area of trade. President Trump has spoken repeatedly about this. I spoke with him at length about it this morning.

There are countries that are allowing – even encouraging – trade with North Korea in violation of UN Security Council resolutions. Such countries would also like to continue their trade arrangements with the United States. That's not going to happen. Our attitude on trade changes when countries do not take international security threats seriously. Before the path to a peaceful solution is entirely closed, however, there remains more that the international community can and must do diplomatically and economically.

In the coming days, we will bring before the Security Council a resolution that raises the international response in a way that is proportionate to North Korea's new escalation. I will not detail that resolution here today, but the options are all known to us. If we are unified, the international community can cut off the major sources of hard currency to the North Korean regime. We can restrict the flow of oil to their military and their weapons programs. We can increase air and maritime restrictions. We can hold senior regime officials accountable.

The international community has spoken frequently against the illegal and dangerous actions of the North Korean regime. For many years, there have been numerous UN sanctions against North Korea. But they have been insufficient to get them to change their destructive course. So in order to have an impact – in order to move North Korea off its military escalation – we must do more. We will not look exclusively at North Korea. We will look at any country that chooses to do business with this outlaw regime. We will not have patience for stalling or talking our way down to a watered-down resolution.

Yesterday's ICBM escalation requires an escalated diplomatic and economic response. Time is short. Action is required. The world is on notice. If we act together, we can still prevent a catastrophe, and we can rid the world of a grave threat. If we fail to act in a serious way, there will be a different response.

Much of the burden of enforcing UN sanctions rests with China. Ninety percent of trade with North Korea is from China. We will work with China. We will work with any and every country that believes in peace. But we will not repeat the inadequate approaches of the past that have brought us to this dark day.

We cannot forget the multiple missile tests this year or yesterday's escalation. We cannot forget Otto Warmbier

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and others North Korea continues to hold. We cannot forget the threats to our friends and allies around the world. We will not forget. And we will not delay.

Thank you.

Response at an Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on Nonproliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Ambassador Nikki Haley
U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
New York City
July 5, 2017

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I thank you for holding this meeting in the public and allowing us all to voice our concerns.

I first wanted to tell my Russian friends that not only has the Secretary-General said this was an ICBM, and the U.S. has said this is an ICBM, North Korea has said this was an ICBM. So if you need any sort of intelligence to let you know that the rest of the world sees this as ICBM, I'm happy to provide it.

Secondly, in reference to being opposed to sanctions on North Korea – this Council all knows we have done repeated resolutions, and nothing has happened. If you are happy with North Korea's actions, veto it. If you want to be a friend to North Korea, veto it. But if you see this as a threat, if you see this for what it is, which is North Korea showing its muscle, then you need to stand strong and vote with the international community to strengthen sanctions on North Korea.

And if you choose not to, we will go our own path. But it makes no sense to not join together on this threat against North Korea. They have not had any care for Russia or China in this, they have not listened to anything that you've said. They're not going to listen to anything that you say. And so it's time that we all stand together and say we will not put up with this action. To sit there and oppose sanctions, or to sit there and go in defiance of a new resolution means you're holding the hands of Kim Jong Un.

Thank you.

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Matthew J. Ouimet, Ph.D.
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Subject: Re: Upcoming senior China meetings

Thanks-and we miss you, too, Chris!!

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Klein, Christopher C
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:43 PM
To: Sison, Michele J; Glaccum, David M; Lee, David Y; Tachco, Amy N
Subject: Upcoming senior China meetings

Dear friends,

Wanted to alert that AA/S Thornton will be seeing Chinese Amb Cui here tomorrow and that Amb Branstad will be having a pullaside w FM Wang Yi on Wednesday in Beijing on margins of presenting credentials. We have included NK points in their materials. Will keep you posted if we hear anything interesting.

Miss you all. My office number is 202-647-6774 if you need anything.

Best,
Chris

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From: Ouimet, Matthew J <OuimetMJ@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Kraut, Benjamin <KrautB@state.gov>; Mihailescu, Andrea R <MihailescuAR@state.gov>; Hsieh, Audrey <HsiehA1@state.gov>; Harris, Robert K <HarrisRK2@state.gov>; Tabron, Elizabeth J <TabronEJ@state.gov>; Zarzecki, Thomas <ZarzeckiT@state.gov>; Evans, Peter O <EvansPO1@state.gov>; Swyer, Cody W <SwyerCW@state.gov>; Ford, Benjamin T <FordBT@state.gov>; Lee, David Y <LeeDY@state.gov>; McCandless, Daniel C <McCandlessDC@state.gov>; Hinman, Richard C <HinmanRC@state.gov>
Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL <EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL@state.gov>; Bailey, Robert H <BaileyRH@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Van Hollen/Toomey Bill Comments
Attach: 2017-07-07 Van Hollen Toomey North Korea Sanctions_EB and IO.doc

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Adding a few edits from IO, [redacted] B5

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Best,

Matthew

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From: Kraut, Benjamin
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Mihailescu, Andrea R; Hsieh, Audrey; Harris, Robert K; Tabron, Elizabeth J; Zarzecki, Thomas; Evans, Peter O; Swyer, Cody W; Ford, Benjamin T; Ouimet, Matthew J; Lee, David Y; McCandless, Daniel C; Hinman, Richard C
Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; Bailey, Robert H
Subject: RE: Van Hollen/Toomey Bill Comments

EAP,

Please find attached our comments we sent back to LRM and H. They track closely with your take on issues.

Cheers,
Ben

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From: Mihailescu, Andrea R

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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Hsieh, Audrey; Harris, Robert K; Kraut, Benjamin; Tabron, Elizabeth J; Zarzecki, Thomas; Evans, Peter O; Swyer, Cody W; Ford, Benjamin T; Ouimet, Matthew J; Lee, David Y; McCandless, Daniel C
Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: RE: Van Hollen/Toomey Bill Comments

Thanks, Audrey. Adding USUN and IO/PSC for awareness. The one addition I'd recommend [redacted] B5
[redacted] I believe Tom will add that bit to his comments through ISN so think I'm good otherwise. B5

Andrea R. Mihailescu
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From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:17 PM
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Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL <EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL@state.gov>
Subject: Van Hollen/Toomey Bill Comments

Colleagues,

We were tasked by H to develop comments on the Van Hollen/Toomey North Korea sanctions bill. Earlier this morning, EAP, EB and ISN convened to discuss initial impressions on the bill. Several of the discussion points are contained in the draft attached here under tracked changes.

Prior to reverting back to H with these comments, we wanted to circulate this draft with you. We made redline edits to [redacted] B5

In an effort to be responsive to H, kindly request that you review the attached by 3 PM? We understand that other offices will submit comments in separately; we just wanted to de-conflict our own comments to the best extent possible.

Kind Regards,

Audrey Hsieh
DPRK Desk Officer
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Subject: Remarks by President Trump and President Moon of the Republic of Korea Before Bilateral Meeting

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release June 30, 2017

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP
AND PRESIDENT MOON OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
BEFORE BILATERAL MEETING

Oval Office

10:21 A.M. EDT

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I want to thank the President of South Korea, President Moon, for being here. We had a great afternoon yesterday. We had fantastic dinner at the White House -- accomplished a lot, having to do with our thoughts on North Korea and, very much, our thoughts on trade.

We are renegotiating a trade deal right now as we speak with South Korea, and hopefully it will be an equitable deal -- it will be a fair deal to both parties. It's been a rough deal for the United States, but I think that it will be much different and it will be good for both parties. So we're in the process of doing that.

We're also in the process of discussing our, frankly, many options -- and we have many options -- with respect to North Korea.

Thank you very much. President.

The President will speak.

PRESIDENT MOON: (As interpreted.) I would like to thank President Trump once again for inviting me to the White House and for his warm welcome. When I won the election last month, President Trump was the first among all foreign leaders to call me to congratulate me. I believe that was to reconfirm the strength of the Korea-U.S. alliance and also President Trump's warm message to the Korean people who had

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been suffering through political turmoil.

Last night, at the dinner with President Trump, we discussed various issues through a diverse scope and very honest discussions on issues to include the North Korean nuclear issue and other issues of mutual interest. It was a great opportunity for us to further the trust and friendship between me and President Trump. It was also an opportunity for us to reconfirm the fact that the United States and Korea are walking together on the same path towards a great alliance.

So I hope that through this summit meeting today, I hope that our relationship can further develop into a more meaningful and fruitful relationship.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: What many people don't know is that South Korea is a major trading partner with the United States and we want something that's going to be good for the American worker. And I think we'll be able to do that today, and I think we'll be able to do many other things. So the relationship is very, very strong, and our personal relationship with President Moon -- our personal relationship is very, very good.

Thank you very much, everybody. Thank you.

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Chinese official warns U.S. not to use North Korea as excuse for imposing sanctions RELEASE IN FULL
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China's vice-finance minister said Beijing would implement all sanctions imposed on North Korea as a result of its missile tests, but warned the U.S. not to use them as an excuse to impose sanctions against China's financial institutions.

"As a Security Council permanent member, China will of course implement all relevant resolutions," he said. "But the U.S. should not use their domestic laws as excuses to levy sanctions against Chinese financial institutions."

Speaking ahead of the G20 summit in Hamburg, Zhu Guangyao also called on leading economies to cooperate on global steel overproduction rather than engage in finger-pointing, since overcapacity could harm global growth.
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U.S. threatens military force against N.Korea, to propose new U.N. sanctions
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U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said on Wednesday that North Korea's actions were "quickly closing off the possibility of a diplomatic solution" and the United States was prepared to defend itself and its allies.

"One of our capabilities lies with our considerable military forces. We will use them if we must, but we prefer not to have to go in that direction," Haley told a U.N. Security Council meeting on Pyongyang's recent intercontinental ballistic missile launch.

She said the United States would propose new U.N. sanctions on North Korea "in the coming days." She also warned that Washington was prepared to cut off trade with countries trading with North Korea in violation of U.N. resolutions.

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North Korea appeared to use China truck in its first claimed ICBM test (Reuters)

SEOUL (Reuters) - North Korea appeared to use a Chinese truck originally sold for hauling timber to transport and erect a ballistic missile that was successfully launched on Tuesday, highlighting the challenge of enforcing sanctions to curb its weapons programme.

North Korea state television showed a large truck painted in military camouflage carrying the missile. It was identical to one a U.N. sanctions panel has said was "most likely" converted from a Chinese timber truck.

Since 2006, U.N. sanctions have banned the shipment of military hardware to North Korea. But control of equipment and vehicles that have "dual-use" military and civilian applications has been far less stringent.

The vehicle was imported from China and declared for civilian use by the North Korean foreign ministry, according to a 2013 report by the U.N. panel. Tuesday's launch was the first time the truck had been seen in a military field operation in pictures published in state media.

China, North Korea's largest trading partner and its sole major ally, is under increasing pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, who has said Chinese efforts to rein in North Korea's weapons programmes have failed.

The truck had been previously on display at military parades in 2012 and in 2013 carrying what experts said appeared to be developmental models or mock-ups of North Korea's intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Images on the North Korea's state television showed soldiers working on the vehicle mounted with a missile, which was then erected and off-loaded ahead of the launch at a hillside location. Leader Kim Jong Un supervised the test.

The transporter-erector-launcher (TEL) is a vehicle designed to move a ballistic missile and stand it upright, allowing for a mobile system that makes surveillance difficult for spy satellites.

In its 2013 report, the U.N. panel of experts said the features of the vehicle in the 2012 parade exactly matched those of a vehicle sold by China's Hubei Sanjiang Space Wanshan Special Vehicle Company.

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The company is a subsidiary of China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp, a state-owned company that makes the Shenzhou rocket as well as missiles.

A company manager reached by telephone declined to comment citing the sensitivity of the issue.

China submitted to the U.N. panel a copy of the end user certificate provided by the North stating that six of the vehicles were being imported for the purpose of transporting timber.

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The panel said it "considers it most likely that the (North) deliberately breached" the certificate and converted the trucks into transporter-erector-launchers.

This year, North Korea used another Chinese-made truck model to tow submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBM) at a military parade on the 105th anniversary of the birth of state founder Kim Il Sung.

Last year, state media published photos showing Chinese-made trucks being used in a new North Korean mobile rocket artillery system.

Both vehicles showed the logo or had markings specific to the Chinese company Sinotruk.

A Sinotruk sales official said in April he was not aware the company's trucks were used in the military parade.

North Korean state media has in the past released images of Sinotruk chassis and cabins related to construction or mining.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday, after the launch, it was opposed to North Korea contravening rules laid out in U.N. Security council resolutions. China was working hard to resolve the issue and urged all sides to meet each other half way, it added.

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North Korea says its ICBM can carry nuclear warhead; U.S. calls for global action

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Reuters
By Jack Kim and Christine Kim

North Korea said on Wednesday its newly developed intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) can carry a large nuclear warhead, triggering a call by Washington for global action to hold it accountable for pursuing nuclear weapons.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Defense Department said it had concluded that North Korea test-launched an ICBM on Tuesday, which some experts now believe had the range to reach the U.S. state of Alaska as well as parts of the mainland United States.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said the test, on the eve of the U.S. Independence Day holiday, represented "a new escalation of the threat" to the United States and its allies, and vowed to take stronger measures.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said the test completed his country's strategic weapons capability that includes atomic and hydrogen bombs and ICBMs, the state KCNA news agency said.

Pyongyang would not negotiate with the United States to give up those weapons until Washington abandons its hostile policy against the North, KCNA quoted Kim as saying.

"He, with a broad smile on his face, told officials, scientists and technicians that the U.S. would be displeased ... as it was given a 'package of gifts' on its 'Independence Day'," KCNA said.

Kim ordered them to "frequently send big and small 'gift packages' to the Yankees," it added.

The launch came days before leaders from the Group of 20 nations are due to discuss steps to rein in North Korea's weapons program, which it has pursued in defiance of United Nations Security Council sanctions.

The test successfully verified the technical requirements of the newly developed ICBM in stage separation, the atmospheric re-entry of the warhead and the late-stage control of the warhead, KCNA said.

Tillerson warned that any country that hosts North Korean workers, provides economic or military aid to Pyongyang, or fails to implement U.N. sanctions "is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime".

"All nations should publicly demonstrate to North Korea that there are consequences to their pursuit of nuclear weapons," Tillerson said in a statement.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un looks on during the test-launch of the intercontinental ballistic missile Hwasong-14 in this undated photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in

U.S. President Donald Trump has been urging China, North Korea's main trading partner and only big ally, to press Pyongyang to give up its nuclear program.

The U.N. Security Council, currently chaired by China, will hold an emergency meeting on the matter at 3 p.m. EDT (1900

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GMT) on Wednesday, following a request by the United States, Japan and South Korea.

Diplomats say Beijing has not been fully enforcing existing international sanctions on its neighbor, and has resisted tougher measures, such as an oil embargo, bans on the North Korean airline and guest workers, and measures against Chinese banks and other firms doing business with the North.

A 2015 U.N. document estimated that more than 50,000 North Korean workers were overseas earning currencies for the regime, with the vast majority in China and Russia.

North Korea appeared to have used a Chinese truck, originally sold for hauling timber, but later converted for military use, to transport and erect the missile on Tuesday.

Trump has indicated he is running out of patience with Beijing's efforts to rein in North Korea. His administration has said all options are on the table, military included, but suggested those would be a last resort and that sanctions and diplomatic pressure were its preferred course.

Trump is due to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin during the G20 meeting in Germany this week.

Russia and China joined diplomatic forces on Tuesday and called for North Korea to suspend its ballistic missile program in return for a moratorium on large-scale military exercises by the United States and South Korea.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said the joint statement showed the international community wanted dialogue and not antagonistic voices, as he also urged North Korea not to violate U.N. Security Council resolutions.

"We hope relevant counties can maintain calm and restraint, and not take steps that might worsen tensions on the peninsula," Geng told a daily briefing.

The U.S. and South Korean militaries conducted a ballistic missile test early on Wednesday in a show of force on the east coast of the Korean peninsula. The South said the drill aimed to showcase the ability to strike at the North's leadership if necessary.

"It's discouraging that the Chinese (and Russians) are still calling for 'restraint by all sides', despite the fact that their client state, North Korea, has cast aside all restraint and is sprinting for the finish line in demonstrating a nuclear-armed ICBM capability," said Daniel Russel, formerly Washington's top East Asia diplomat, now a diplomat in residence at the Asia Society Policy Institute.

The North's state media said the missile, Hwasong-14, flew 933 km (580 miles), reaching an altitude of 2,802 km (1,741 miles) in its 39 minutes of flight.

Some analysts said the flight details suggested the new missile had a range of more than 8,000 km (4,970 miles), which would put significant parts of the U.S. mainland in range, a major advance in the North's program.

The launch was both earlier and "far more successful than expected", said U.S.-based missile expert John Schilling, a contributor to the Washington-based North Korea monitoring project, 38 North.

It would now probably only be a year or two before a North Korean ICBM achieved "minimal operational capability," he added.

Experts say a reliable nuclear-tipped ICBM would require a small warhead to fit a long-range missile, technology to protect against intense heat as it re-enters the atmosphere, separate the warhead and guide it to its target.

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South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who ordered Wednesday's drill, said, "The situation was no longer sufficient to respond to the North's provocation by making statements," according to his office.

Tuesday's test poses fresh challenges for Moon, who took office in May with a pledge to engage the North in dialogue while keeping up pressure and sanctions to impede its weapons programs.

His defense minister, Han Min-koo, told parliament on Wednesday there was a high possibility of a sixth nuclear test by the North, but there were no specific indications.

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Russia, China call for restraint on N. Korean missile tensions - Putin (Reuters)

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia and China have agreed on the need for a simultaneous freezing of North Korea's missile and nuclear programme and large-scale military exercises by the United States and South Korea, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday.

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Putin made his comments after holding talks with visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping in the Kremlin.

North Korea said on Tuesday it had successfully test-launched an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) for the first time, which flew a trajectory that experts said could allow a weapon to hit the U.S. state of Alaska.

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Russia blocks U.N. condemnation of N.Korea missile over ICBM label (Reuters)

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Russia objected on Thursday to a United Nations Security Council condemnation of North Korea's latest rocket launch because the U.S.-drafted statement referred to it as an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), diplomats said.

Security Council statements have to be agreed by all 15-members. It was not immediately clear if the United States would continue to negotiate with Russia in an effort to reach a council consensus on a statement of condemnation.

Moscow has said it believes Pyongyang fired an intermediate range ballistic missile on Tuesday, while China has not identified the rocket launched. North Korea said it tested an ICBM and the United States said that was likely true.

"The rationale is that based on our (Ministry of Defence's) assessment we cannot confirm that the missile can be classified as an ICBM," Russia's U.N. mission said in an email to its Security Council colleagues.

"Therefore we are not in a position to agree to this classification on behalf of the whole council since there is no consensus on this issue," the email said.

The council met on Wednesday to discuss the missile launch by North Korea, which has been under U.N. sanctions since 2006 over its ballistic missile and nuclear programs.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley denounced Russia's reluctance to recognize that North Korea had test-launched an ICBM, which some experts believe has the range to reach the U.S. states of Alaska and Hawaii.

"If you need any sort of intelligence to let you know that the rest of the world sees this as an ICBM, I'm happy to provide it," she told the Security Council on Wednesday.

The draft statement said the council would start work on "further significant measures" against North Korea. Since 2006 the council has ratcheted up sanctions on Pyongyang in response to five nuclear tests and two long-range missile launches.

Haley said on Wednesday the United States would propose new U.N. sanctions in coming days and warned that if Russia and China did not support the move, then "we will go our own path." She said Washington was ready to use force "if we must."

"If you are happy with North Korea's actions, veto it. If you want to be a friend to North Korea, veto it," Haley said of her plan to propose new sanctions.

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Dear friends,

Wanted to alert that AA/S Thornton will be seeing Chinese Amb Cui here tomorrow and that Amb Branstad will be having a pullaside w FM Wang Yi on Wednesday in Beijing on margins of presenting credentials. We have included NK points in their materials. Will keep you posted if we hear anything interesting.

Miss you all. My office number is 202-647-6774 if you need anything.

Best,
Chris

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- (U) Japan: PM Abe stated the "launch clearly shows that the threat has grown." Abe said he would encourage Chinese President Xi and Russian President Putin "to take more constructive measures" at the upcoming G20 Summit. ***(AFP)***
- (U) ROK: President Moon stated South Korea "will not tolerate DPRK provocation," and added the missile may have been an intercontinental ballistic missile. ***(Yonhap News Agency, Reuters)***
- (U) China: Foreign Ministry Spokesman Shuang called for restraint and defended China's "relentless efforts" to resolve the standoff. ***(AFP)***

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Joint Statement from the United States of America, Republic of Korea, and Japan

President Donald J. Trump, President Moon Jae-in, and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met in Hamburg, Germany, on July 6 to discuss the serious and escalating threat posed by the nuclear and ballistic missile programs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). The three leaders condemned the DPRK's unprecedented launch, on July 4, of a ballistic missile with intercontinental range, a major escalation that directly violates multiple United Nation's Security Council (UNSC) resolutions and that clearly demonstrates the growing threat the DPRK poses to the United States, the Republic of Korea (ROK), and Japan, as well as other countries around the world. The leaders affirmed the importance of working together to counter the DPRK threat and to achieve the complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner, a shared goal among the three countries. They also committed to continue to cooperate to apply maximum pressure on the DPRK to change its path, refrain from provocative and threatening actions, and take steps necessary to return to serious denuclearization dialogue. The three leaders emphasized that they, together with the rest of the international community, stand ready to offer a brighter future for the DPRK if it chooses the right path. The United States, the ROK, and Japan will never accept a nuclear armed DPRK.

President Trump, President Moon, and Prime Minister Abe decided to press for the early adoption of a new UNSC resolution with additional sanctions to demonstrate to the DPRK that there are serious consequences for its destabilizing, provocative, and escalatory actions. They called on the international community to swiftly and fully implement all UNSC resolutions and to take measures to reduce economic relations with the DPRK. The three leaders also called on the nations that border the DPRK to make further efforts to convince the DPRK regime to abandon its current threatening and provocative path and immediately take steps to denuclearize and to halt its ballistic missile program.

The three leaders underscored their commitment to further strengthen their respective alliances and to ensure they continue to increase their capabilities to deter and respond to any attack from the DPRK. They committed to continue advancing trilateral security cooperation in the face of the threat posed by the DPRK. President Trump reaffirmed the ironclad commitment of the United States to defend the ROK and Japan using the full range of its conventional and nuclear capabilities.

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David,

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Thanks,
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Chairman Royce Welcomes Sanctions on Chinese Entities Doing Business with North Korea

Washington, D.C. – House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA) today issued the following statement after the administration announced new sanctions on multiple Chinese entities and individuals that act as conduits for illicit North Korean financial activity:

"I have long called for sanctions on companies and banks that provide hard currency to sustain Kim Jong Un's rule and grow his illicit nuclear and ballistic missiles programs. This is a big step. The administration is right to target any around the world who act as financial lifelines to Kim Jong Un, and to give them a clear choice: You can do business with North Korea or with the U.S., but not both.

"To cut off more cash to North Korea, the U.S. Senate needs to pass my bill to give the U.S. additional financial tools – including the ability to stop the North Korean regime's export of slave labor."

Note: The House of Representatives last month passed Chairman Royce's

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Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act (H.R. 1644) by a vote of 419-1. The bill:

- Expands sanctions to deter North Korea's nuclear weapons program;
- Targets those overseas who employ North Korean slave labor, a source of billions of dollars in annual revenue for the regime;
- Cracks down on North Korean shipping and use of international ports; and
- Requires the administration to determine whether North Korea is a state sponsor of terrorism.

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Haley To Security Council: US Ready To Use Force On North Korea "If Need Be." Media coverage of the ongoing tensions with North Korea is dominated by reports on Wednesday's emergency session at the UN Security Council. NBC Nightly News (7/5, lead story, 2:40, Guthrie, 16.61M) opened its broadcast last night saying "the US is scrambling to deal with a North Korea that is more aggressive than ever, and now, closer than ever to being able to deliver a nuclear blow to the United States." Sources tell NBC News the US was "caught by surprise" by North Korea's test of an ICBM on Tuesday. NBC also reported that "in stunning comments, the commander of American troops" in South Korea is "saying all-out war is possible. Self-restraint, which is a choice, is all that separates armistice and war."

The Washington Post (7/5, Nakamura, Rauhala, 11.43M) says Ambassador Haley's "pointed speech" to the Security Council "marked the latest effort by the Trump administration to rally allies and rivals around a common agenda to blunt North Korea's progress," but her remarks "also illustrated the limits of the White House's options and lacked specifics about what concrete steps the administration is considering." On ABC World News Tonight (7/5, story 2, 2:00, Muir, 14.63M), Haley was shown saying: "Time is short. Action is required. The world is on notice." Reuters (7/5, Kim, Kim) reports Haley told the Council that the US is "ready to use force if need be to stop North Korea's nuclear missile program but said it preferred global diplomatic action against Pyongyang." Haley warned that North Korea's actions were "quickly closing off the possibility of a diplomatic solution" and that the US was prepared to defend itself and its allies. The Wall Street Journal (7/5, A1, Cheng, Subscription Publication, 6.37M) reports Haley warned fellow diplomats that "time is short" and that all nations must pressure North Korea, including through new sanctions, to change course.

The New York Times (7/5, Sang-Hun, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) reports Haley said the US was working on a Security Council draft resolution that "raises the international response," but did not did not specify what the resolution would do or when it might be ready for a vote. According to the Times, she "alluded to punishments including a complete cutoff of North Korea's access to international currency markets, severe restrictions on high-level North Korean officials and, in a reference to China," penalties for "any country that chooses to do business with this outlaw regime." In fact, the AP (7/5, Lederer) reports Haley warned China that it "risks its trade with the United States if trade with North Korea violates UN sanctions."

In what Bloomberg News (7/4, Wadhams, Foroohar, 2.41M) calls "a warning to China and other nations" the US says aren't doing enough to rein in North Korea, Haley "threatened trade ties with countries that continue to do business with North Korea." Said Haley, "There are countries that are allowing, even encouraging, trade with North Korea in violation of UN Security Council resolutions. Such countries would also like to continue their trade arrangements with the United States. That's not going to happen."

Another AP (7/5, Pace, Salama) report says President Trump "and other senior officials dangled the prospect of punishing countries that trade with North Korea." In a tweet Wednesday morning, Trump questioned why the US should continue what he sees as bad trade deals "with countries that do not help us."

On the CBS Evening News (7/5, story 3, 1:30, Brown, 11.17M), Margaret Brennan said the Administration "is trying to find new ways to cut off North Korea's financial lifeline without Beijing's help." A Washington Post (7/5, Rauhala, 11.43M) analysis says in the wake of North Korea's latest missile test, the US and China are "at odds about what to do next." Trump took to twitter on Wednesday, "appearing to blame China for failing to tighten the economic noose," and wrote, "Trade between China and North Korea grew almost 40% in the first quarter. So much for China working with us – but we had to give it a try."

A New York Times (7/5, Perlez, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) analysis says this week's test of the North's first intercontinental ballistic missile "has raised the question of what is China's red line for its ally, and whether the test will force" President Xi Jinping "to act decisively against North Korea." The Times, however, says he will "probably do little, if anything."

A USA Today (7/5, Dorell, 5.28M) analysis says the US "could start calling out companies involved in North Korea's weapons programs, such as two Chinese trucking companies that provided or helped build large vehicles that North Korea uses to transport, erect and launch its missiles." The CBS Evening News (7/5, story 2, 1:50, Brown, 11.17M) said "China has stopped buying North Korean coal, but it has not cut off oil shipments to North Korea, fearing that could cause Kim Jong-Un's regime to collapse, destabilizing the Korean Peninsula," and the Los Angeles Times (7/5, Demick, 4.52M) reports "nonproliferation experts say that the United States has yet to implement the kind of far-ranging sanctions against North Korea that the Obama administration used to pressure Iran."

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Meanwhile, the AP (7/5, Klug, Kim) reports North Korean leader Kim Jong-un vowed Wednesday that his nation will "demonstrate its mettle to the US" and that its weapons programs is not up for negotiations. The AP says the "hard line suggests that North Korea will conduct more weapons tests."

While Haley said the US was prepared to respond militarily, NBC Nightly News (7/5, story 2, 2:15, Guthrie, 16.61M) said "US options are few, each with critical risks," and a New York Times (7/5, Rich, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) analysis says that "even the most limited strike risks staggering casualties, because North Korea could retaliate with the thousands of artillery pieces it has positioned along its border with the South." In addition, Bloomberg Politics (7/5, Capaccio, 201K) reports that North Korea's test of an ICBM "capable of striking the US mainland is putting renewed pressure on a US missile defense system racing to keep up with North Korea's quickly evolving military threat." The Washington Post (7/5, Lamothe, 11.43M) reports that while the US "has built a web of missile defense weapons around the Pacific over the last few years...one of the main cogs in it – missile interceptors known as the ground-based midcourse system – have struggled in testing."

On ABC World News Tonight (7/5, story 3, 0:45, Muir, 14.63M), military analyst Steven Ganyard said, "The North Koreans demonstrated they have a rocket that can reach the United States. This is what's disturbing. This is what we believe is a miniaturized nuclear warhead. We don't know yet if they can put the warhead with the rocket and have it survive the heat of re-entry. It's the last piece of the puzzle, and we know they are working hard to get it."

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Subject: Press coverage of DPRK launch

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Media Analyses: North Korean ICBM Launch Poses Test To Trump. North Korea's latest missile test is generating significant media coverage, including over 16 minutes of network airtime. In its lead story, ABC World News Tonight (7/4, lead story, 3:00, Llamas, 14.63M) called the test North Korea's "most dangerous yet," and NBC Nightly News (7/4, lead story, 2:30, Alexander, 16.61M) likewise warned of "an escalating showdown with North Korea" after it crossed "a dangerous threshold for the first time." Reuters (7/4, Kim, Kim) reports North Korea said Wednesday it had conducted a test of a newly developed intercontinental ballistic missile "that can carry a large and heavy nuclear warhead, triggering a call by Washington for global action to hold Pyongyang accountable for its pursuit of nuclear weapons." A Pentagon spokeswoman confirmed that Tuesday's launch was in fact an ICBM. The Washington Post(7/4, Warrick, 11.43M) warns North Korea's "apparent accomplishment puts it well ahead of schedule in its years-long quest to develop a true ICBM."

The AP (7/4, Lucey, Lederman) reports as the US confirmed the latest launch was indeed an ICBM, Secretary Tillerson called it a "new escalation of the threat" to the US. In a statement, Tillerson said, "Global action is required to stop a global threat. Any country that hosts North Korean guest workers, provides any economic or military benefits, or fails to fully implement UN Security Council resolutions is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime." The AP notes Tillerson's statement "notably did not mention China." USA Today (7/4, Bacon, 5.28M) also reports Tillerson "vowed to bring additional international pressure on the regime."

Media reports universally say the latest launch poses a test to the Administration. The Washington Post (7/4, Gearan, Rauhala, 11.43M), for example, says Tuesday's launch "marks a direct challenge to President Trump" just before he "will see key Asian leaders and Russian President Vladimir Putin later this week." While North Korea was "already expected to be a main subject" during meetings on the sidelines of the G20 summit, the test "adds urgency."

In its lead story, the CBS Evening News (7/4, lead story, 2:50, Quijano, 11.17M) also called the launch Trump's "greatest foreign policy test to date," and the Wall Street Journal (7/4, Cheng, Gale, Subscription Publication, 6.37M) too says the launch escalates tensions and presents Trump with his biggest foreign-policy challenge yet. A front-page story in the Los Angeles Times (7/4, A1, Stiles, Kaiman, 4.52M) says the development "means an already intractable problem posed by Pyongyang's advancing nuclear and missile programs just became more difficult for the United States and its regional allies."

A USA Today (7/4, Hughes, 5.28M) analysis says Tuesday's launch "ratchets up the pressure on President Trump and other world leaders to resolve a growing nuclear crisis with no easy solution." Coming just days ahead of the G20, the "timing is almost certainly not coincidental," and USA Today notes that North Korea "uses such occasions to call attention to its provocative acts – and its test elevates the urgency with which Trump and US allies may feel compelled to respond."

In an analysis, the New York Times (7/4, Sanger, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) says Kim Jong-un's "repeated tests show that a more definitive demonstration that he can reach the American mainland cannot be far away, even if it may be a few years before he can fit a nuclear warhead onto his increasingly powerful missiles." For Trump and his national security team, the Times says "Tuesday's technical milestone simply underscores tomorrow's strategic dilemma."

NBC Nightly News's (7/4, lead story, 2:30, Alexander, 16.61M) Hans Nichols reported "Pentagon officials say that a functioning ICBM is only one-half of the nuclear threat. The other is a miniaturized nuclear warhead that can survivor re-entry. But they have long said that by the time North Korea has achieved both, it may be too late." On ABC World News Tonight (7/4, story 2, 1:20, Llamas, 14.63M), military analyst Stephen Ganyard said Kim Jong-un "is on a deliberate course to develop a nuclear weapon that can hit the continental United States, and today's launch shows that the plan remains on track."

NBC Nightly News (7/4, story 2, 2:25, Alexander, 16.61M) said "the White House is weighing options, including more sanctions," and the CBS Evening News (7/4, lead story, 2:50, Quijano, 11.17M) reported that the Pentagon "has prepared options which involve military shows of force, such as long-range nuclear bomber flights over the Korean Peninsula and test firings of US missiles based in South Korea." In what the AP (7/4, Lucey, Lederman) calls "a show of force directly responding to North Korea's provocation," US and South Korean soldiers fired "deep strike" precision missiles into South Korean territorial waters on Tuesday, US military officials in Seoul said. USA Today (7/5, Hughes, 5.28M) likewise reports Tuesday's launch by North Korea "drew a swift reaction from the US Army and South Korean military, which in turn launched at least two surface-to-surface missiles as a demonstration of their attack capability." The Washington Post (7/4, Lamothe, 11.43M) says it was "unclear how

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Pyongyang might react to the exercise."

ABC World News Tonight (7/4, lead story, 3:00, Llamas, 14.63M) reported that with "the pressure mounting...the Trump Administration is requesting an emergency meeting" at the UN Security Council on Wednesday "to address the North Korean threat." The AP (7/4) reports the US Mission said Ambassador Haley requested the meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

The CBS Evening News (7/4, story 2, 1:45, Quijano, 11.17M) reported China "urged restraint...but in an apparent reference to the United States, said all relevant sides should bring things back to the track of peaceful settlement via dialogue." Fox News' Special Report (7/4, 1.53M) reports Tillerson said the White House is "continuing to assess the situation in close coordination with our allies and partners," but CNN's Situation Room (7/4, 554K) reported Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday announced after talks in Moscow that "they will work together to freeze the North Korean program, but demand[ed] the stop to US-South Korean military exercises and an end to the THAAD defense deployment to South Korea, both non-starters for the US."

Former State Department spokesman John Kirby said on CNN's Situation Room (7/4, 554K) that he doesn't think the joint statement from Russia and China "means anything in effect. I think this is a chance for Russia and China sitting down together to find a way to sort of tweak everybody." Charles Krauthammer said on Fox News' Special Report (7/4, 1.53M), "China and Russia together want to see an end to the US-South Korean alliance. They want to use the issue as a kind of exchange in order to do that."

Former Ambassador Bill Richardson said on theCBS Evening News (7/4, story 3, 2:35, Quijano, 11.17M) that "the President should be very careful. The first thing you should do is not tweet out his foreign policy. I think so far he's been restrained, but, at the same time, going it alone...that's not going to work. ... I think eventually we have to make a deal, but we need China, and China's not stepping up."

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From: Nagy, Nathan <NagyN@state.gov>
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Cc: Keithley, Blair <KeithleyB@state.gov>; Kraut, Benjamin <KrautB@state.gov>; Jallorina, Jay J <JallorinaJJ@state.gov>
Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

Clear for L/NPA with L/EB edits.

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From: Weare, Jessica K
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Tabron, Elizabeth J; Evans, Peter O; Foley, Philip; Kim, Shaun; Mayes, James L; Tucker, Maureen E; Higgins, Scott C; Biers, Dan L; Salvo, David V; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Nagy, Nathan; Wang, Mimi; Ouimet, Matthew J; Caruso, Andrew N; Lee, David Y; Almquist, Peter B; O'Connor, Elizabeth M
Cc: Keithley, Blair; Kraut, Benjamin; Jallorina, Jay J
Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

A few edits from me. Adding L/LEI.

Thanks,

Jess

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From: Tabron, Elizabeth J
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:35 AM
To: Evans, Peter O; Foley, Philip; Kim, Shaun; Mayes, James L; Tucker, Maureen E; Higgins, Scott C; Biers, Dan L; Salvo,

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David V; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Weare, Jessica K; Nagy, Nathan; Wang, Mimi; Ouimet, Matthew J; Caruso, Andrew N; Lee, David Y; Almquist, Peter B
Cc: Keithley, Blair; Kraut, Benjamin; Jallorina, Jay J
Subject: RE: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

Thank you Peter – the goal is to hit send on this cable as soon as possible.

GREATLY APPRECIATE everyone's clearance as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Best,
Elizabeth

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From: Evans, Peter O
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Tabron, Elizabeth J; Foley, Philip; Kim, Shaun; Mayes, James L; Tucker, Maureen E; Higgins, Scott C; Biers, Dan L; Salvo, David V; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Weare, Jessica K; Nagy, Nathan; Wang, Mimi; Ouimet, Matthew J; Caruso, Andrew N; Lee, David Y; Almquist, Peter B
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Peter Evans
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From: Tabron, Elizabeth J
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:16 PM
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Cc: Keithley, Blair; Kraut, Benjamin; Jallorina, Jay J
Subject: After Action Cable - DPRK Sanctions - Clearance Requested by 1PM 6/30/2015

Greetings Everyone –

Attached please find an after action cable for your review/clearance **by 1PM tomorrow**. Please note that we opted to target key Posts to ensure that they are well-equipped to handle questions/messaging on today's actions versus an ALDAC.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Elizabeth Tabron
Foreign Affairs Officer
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From: Lee, David Y </O=SBUSTATE/OU=USUN AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LEEDAVID>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:46 AM
To: Tachco, Amy N <TachcoAN@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Any news?

Yes, will do, will speak in about 20 mins so will swing by a little after noon.
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From: Tachco, Amy N
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Lee, David Y
Subject: FW: Any news?
Hey, if you can drop by for two seconds on your way back I want to talk about how we manage this.
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From: Ouimet, Matthew J
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Lee, David Y
Cc: IO-Sanctions-DL; Tachco, Amy N
Subject: RE: Any news?
David,
Thanks—hope the Arria is going well.

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Cheers,
Matthew
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Matthew J. Ouimet, Ph.D.
Sanctions Officer
Office of Peace Operations, Sanctions, and Counterterrorism
Bureau of International Organization Affairs
U.S. Department of State
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From: Lee, David Y
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Ouimet, Matthew J
Cc: IO-Sanctions-DL; Tachco, Amy N
Subject: RE: Any news?
Hi Matthew, I'm at the Arria.

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Thanks,
David
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From: Ouimet, Matthew J
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Lee, David Y
Cc: IO-Sanctions-DL
Subject: RE: Any news?

Hi David,

We need quick information on two issues and I can't reach you by phone. The issues are these:

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Thanks,

Matthew

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Sanctions Officer
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From: Glaccum, David M <GlaccumDM@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 1:40 PM
To: Lee, David Y <LeeDY@state.gov>; Lerner, Jon S <LernerJS@state.gov>; Tachco, Amy N <TachcoAN@state.gov>; Black, Joshua J <BlackJ@state.gov>; Smith, Austin M <SmithAM2@state.gov>; Simonoff, Mark A <SimonoffMA@state.gov>
Subject: RE: CLEAR BY 3PM: SNKP with Russian DFM Morgulov

Thanks, David. I do not see issues.

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From: Lee, David Y
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Glaccum, David M; Lerner, Jon S; Tachco, Amy N; Black, Joshua J; Smith, Austin M; Simonoff, Mark A
Subject: FW: CLEAR BY 3PM: SNKP with Russian DFM Morgulov

All, please see attached. Looks good to me and using points I provided EAP yesterday for Russia. Will clear by 2pm unless you see issues or have edits. Thank you.

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From: Swaine, Kelly M
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Lee, David Y
Cc: Applegate, James D; Wang, Mimi
Subject: FW: CLEAR BY 3PM: SNKP with Russian DFM Morgulov

David – for your clearance, too. thx

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From: Swaine, Kelly M
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Wautlet, Michael J; Korshak, Danielle; Biers, Dan L; Cartin, Joshua M; Nanavatty, Katharine B; Ouimet, Matthew J; Kim, Shaun; Zarzecki, Thomas; Gile, Robertson S; Turner, Julie E (DRL); Mihailescu, Andrea R
Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: CLEAR BY 3PM: SNKP with Russian DFM Morgulov

All,
Please clear the attached BCL by 3pm today. Joe Yun is meeting with Morgulov tomorrow.
Thanks,

Kelly McKellogg Swaine
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Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 6:26 AM
To: Seoul POL American Group <SeoulPOLAmericanGroup@state.gov>
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Subject: RE: Collected Statements on DPRK Missile Test

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+ France's statement

France condemns North Korea's ballistic missile launch early this morning.
This further serious, significant violation of the United Nations Security Council resolutions threatens regional and international security.
We call on North Korea once again to comply with its international obligations immediately and carry out the complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantling of its nuclear and ballistic programmes.
After the unanimous adoption, on 2 June, of Resolution 2356, which strengthens the system of sanctions against North Korea, we are continuing to work with our partners at the Security Council and within the European Union to increase international pressure on the North Korean authorities.
M. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, will discuss the North Korea crisis with several of his counterparts during bilateral meetings at the G20 summit, which will take place in Hamburg on 7 and 8 July.

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From: Park, Jason L
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 7:24 PM
To: Seoul POL American Group
Cc: Wang, Mimi; Betancourt, Annika R; McCue, William A (Beijing); Yoo, Donny H; Easter, Matthew J (Shenyang); Guthrie, Grant S; Bae, Eugene; Hsieh, Audrey; Lee, David Y
Subject: Collected Statements on DPRK Missile Test

All:

Please see below from statements from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Italy, and South Korea on Tuesday's ICBM Test. Notably, Australia just released theirs (joint PM, Defense, Foreign Affairs) announcing agreement to "expanded autonomous sanctions" targeting mining/shipping + expanded grounds for designating individuals/entities for targeted financial sanctions and travel bans.

-Jason

- **AUSTRALIA CONDEMNS DPRK MISSILE TEST**
  05 July 2017
  Prime Minister
  Minister for Defence
  Minister for Foreign Affairs

  Australia categorically condemns North Korea's first launch of an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile.

  This is a further dangerous escalation by a reckless regime.

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The Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile launch is a dangerous and provocative act that destabilises the region and directly threatens all nations within range of this offensive weapon.

Australia will work with our international partners and allies to demonstrate that a provocation of this kind will bear consequences.

We again urge China to use its considerable leverage to rein in the dangerous behaviour of the North Korean leadership.

The world expects that we live in a rules-based system and this unacceptable missile launch is in breach of numerous United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

Australia has agreed to expanded autonomous sanctions against North Korea in response to its persistent threatening behaviour.

These sanctions will target North Korea's extractive industries and its shipping network.

We will expand the grounds on which the Government can designate individuals and entities for targeted financial sanctions and travel bans.

Australia calls on all countries to implement UN Security Council Resolutions against North Korea as a matter of urgency, including UN Resolution 2356, adopted to on 2 June 2017.

Australia supports defensive measures required to respond to the threat posed by North Korean offensive missiles. Any escalation of regional tensions is entirely the responsibility of the North Korean regime, which continues to brazenly threaten regional and global peace.

I will raise North Korea's grave disregard for regional peace at my G20 meetings this week, and urge G20 leaders to take further strong action against North Korea.

- **CANADA unreservedly condemns North Korea's missile launch**

July 4, 2017

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today issued the following statement:

"Canada unreservedly condemns North Korea's ongoing ballistic missile tests, which are a direct threat to regional and international peace and security, and continues to underline the need for a unified international response.

"The provocative July 4 launch, which North Korea claims is an intercontinental ballistic missile, further demonstrates the regime's flagrant disregard for its international obligations.

"We call upon North Korea to cease these provocations and immediately and verifiably abandon its ballistic missile program.

"Canada will continue its steadfast support for South Korea, Japan and other partners in the region—as well as international efforts to resolve the proliferation of North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs. In this regard, we encourage further efforts to enhance peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region."

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- **NEW ZEALAND**

Hon Gerry Brownlee
Minister of Foreign Affairs

4 July 2017

Media Statement - North Korea missile tests unacceptable

Foreign Minister Gerry Brownlee has condemned today's test launch of a ballistic missile by North Korea.

"North Korea has now tested more than a dozen ballistic missiles this year," Mr Brownlee says.

"Like those previous tests, today's launch violates UN Security Council Resolutions and is completely unacceptable.

"New Zealand has made clear its opposition to such tests and I want to reiterate our condemnation of this type of activity.

"Today's missile landed near Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone – about 370 kilometres off the mainland. That's about the same distance as Wellington to New Plymouth – a very provocative and dangerous move.

"I want to reiterate New Zealand's strong belief that North Korea needs to start behaving responsibly and contribute to – instead of threatening – the stability to the region.

"We will continue to support sanctions and international efforts to address this situation," Mr Brownlee says.

- **ITALY**

Italy condemns in the strongest way the test of a ballistic missile conducted last night by Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The test constitutes another clear violation of multiple resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations. The North Korean nuclear and missile programme poses a serious threat to peace and international security, as well as to the global non-proliferation regime.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea must immediately abandon the development of this programme and halt the path of challenge to the international community and self-imposed isolation.

Italy will continue giving its contribution for a resolute and cohesive answer of the International Community .

- **SOUTH KOREA**

1. The Government of the Republic of Korea condemns in the strongest terms the DPRK's ballistic missile launch on July 4 which was conducted only a few days after the two Presidents of the ROK and the US, at the ROK-US Summit on June 30, called on the DPRK to refrain from conducting additional provocations and rather to choose the path towards denuclearization. Such reckless provocative action by the DPRK clearly violates relevant UN Security Council resolutions and fully disregards the united call by the international community for the denuclearization of the DPRK.

2. The DPRK should never misjudge or test the resolve of the ROK Government to achieve denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula and to establish peace on the Peninsula. The ROK government will continue to stand ready to defend the national security and the lives of the people of the ROK.

3. The DPRK should clearly realize that its obsession with nuclear and missile development and continued

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provocations will only serve to deepen its isolation and difficulties. The DPRK should cease its reckless provocations and return to the path towards denuclearization at the earliest possible date.

4. The ROK Government, based on the robust ROK-US alliance, fully maintains readiness posture to respond to any provocations by the DPRK and will remain steadfast in safeguarding the lives of our people and the security of the nation. /End/

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 12:54 AM
To: McKay, Roland D
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Williams, Meredith B
Subject: Re: Munir - UNSCR DPRK negotiations update on high side

That's good. Will pass to S. Thx

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 9:18 PM, McKay, Roland D <McKayRD@state.gov> wrote:

> I forwarded a high side update from USUN on DPRK UNSCR negotiations – China responses. I copied Dereck and WRENS. Any other emails to make sure and copy to get stuff to you guys?
>
> Roland
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> Roland McKay
> Special Assistant
> Office of the Secretary
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Lacey, Edward
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Reynolds, Justin E
Subject: RE: Clearance: Iran PG -

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From: Reynolds, Justin E
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:14 AM
To: EB-IranSanctions <EB-IranSanctions@state.gov>; SINI_Internal <SINI_Internal@state.gov>; CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; Swanson, Nate L <SwansonNL@state.gov>; Reynolds, Luke <ReynoldsJL2@state.gov>; Lacey, Edward <LaceyEd@state.gov>; NEA-IRAN-DL <NEA-IRAN-DL@state.gov>; Weinberg, Jeremy M <WeinbergJM@state.gov>; Weare, Jessica K <WeareJK@state.gov>; Mitchell, Mary T <MitchellMT@state.gov>; NEA-AC Iran <NEA-ACIran@state.gov>; SINI_Internal <SINI_Internal@state.gov>; Mayes, James L <MayesJL@state.gov>; Herrmann, John P <HerrmannJP2@state.gov>
Cc: Zarzecki, Thomas <ZarzeckiT@state.gov>
Subject: Clearance: Iran PG -

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Colleagues,

Please clear today's Iran PG

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Ships Exporting Iranian Oil Go Dark, Raising Sanctions Red Flags
Analysis reveals type of behavior U.S. officials say could be used to evade sanctions
A platform at an oil facility on Iran's Kharg Island in March.
By Sarah McFarlane and Benoit Faucon
July 6, 2017 7:46 p.m. ET
https://www.wsj.com/articles/ships-exporting-iranian-oil-go-dark-raising-sanctions-red-flags-1499333402?tesla=y

Ships transporting almost a fifth of Iran's oil exports in the second half of last year either turned off their radio-signal tracking systems or gave misleading information about the origin of their cargo, red flags for governments seeking evidence of evasion of international sanctions against Tehran.

Some 47 of 55 ships carrying Iranian oil products from Iran to the United Arab Emirates for two U.A.E.-registered companies failed to emit signals from the system that transmits their position and course, for part or all of their journey, according to an analysis of the two firms' shipments that was completed for The Wall Street Journal by ship-tracker Windward Ltd., an Israeli firm that uses satellite imaging to map shipping routes.

The shipments, made by two U.A.E.-registered traders, Silk Road Petroleum FZE and Petrochemix General Trading LLC, accounted for 17% of Iran's fuel-oil and gas-oil exports during the six-month period, according to records compiled by the oil-product traders.

The records, based on information from state-run National Iranian Oil Co. that shipping agents combine with their own information and provide to traders, listed the vessels' cargo as fuel oil or gas oil. Iranian authorities didn't return calls and emails seeking comment about the shipments.

While there is no penalty for not using the systems, shipping guidelines advise ships to use tracking systems to avoid collisions between vessels or locate them if they need to be rescued. Sometimes ships turn of their tracking systems to evade pirates, said Andrew Bardot, chief executive of IGP&I, an association of marine liability insurers.

But "this tactic can also be used to hide the genuine details of a voyage so as to enable the breach of sanctions," said Pottengal Mukundan, director of the International Maritime Bureau, a London-based trade body set up to fight maritime crime and malpractice.

The U.S. government is analyzing ship movements in the Persian Gulf for any attempts to circumvent bans on funding Iran's weapons programs or clearing payments for Iranian oil through the U.S. financial system, a U.S. official said.

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U.S. officials said they weren't familiar with the particular shipments identified by the Journal.

This scrutiny comes amid uncertainty in the U.S. about the future of the 2015 multinational agreement in which Iran pledged to scale back its nuclear program in return for the lifting of most international sanctions.

President Donald Trump has cast doubt on whether his administration will continue to support his predecessor's commitment to the deal. U.S. officials said the White House is reviewing its Iran policy and considering stiffer measures. Shortly after Mr. Trump took office, the administration imposed new sanctions related to Iran's defense and ballistic-missile programs.

While the nuclear agreement lifted many obstacles to doing business with Iran, the U.S. maintains sanctions that make it difficult to trade Iranian oil. A ban on clearing payments through the U.S. financial system hinders trade because oil is mostly bought and sold in dollars. The U.S. also prohibits doing business with blacklisted entities including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, a military division that is dominant in Iran's economy.

A shipowner, the ship's master—the person responsible for the navigation of the vessel—or the trader who chartered the vessel could give an instruction to shut off the automatic identification system, or AIS. U.S. investigators would likely look into the trader's responsibility in such situations in addition to the shipper, said Richard Nephew, who served as deputy coordinator for sanctions policy at the State Department from 2013 to 2015 and is now a senior research scholar at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy.

"In most cases we assume it's not plausible that a trader would be ignorant of any attempts to avoid international monitoring of ship movements especially if it occurs on multiple shipping companies with the same trading company," he said.

Oil traders typically monitor the movements of their cargoes and would be in a position to know if the AIS isn't transmitting location, shipping and sanctions experts said.

Of Silk Road Petroleum's 46 shipments in the period, 40 emitted no tracking signals. The company didn't respond to requests to comment emailed to an address in the directory of the U.A.E.'s Hamriyah Free Zone Authority, where the company is registered. The email address was recently removed from the directory.

In the nine Petrochemix shipments in the second half of 2016, seven ships emitted no AIS radio signals at some point. A Petrochemix co-owner, when asked about the shipments, said the firm had no relations or business with Iranian companies, and that any AIS shut-off was a matter for vessel owners. Petrochemix chartered tankers owned by seven different shippers in the period.

The 47 shipments during which AIS was off were handled by 15 vessels. Many of the shipowners couldn't be reached, and one declined to comment. One shipper said many charterers tell ships to shut off the AIS because "most major banks don't want to deal with" such trade.

"The single biggest issue preventing wider trade between Iran and the rest of the world is the continuing reluctance of international banks to process payments to and from Iran," said Sue Millar, partner at law firm Stephenson Harwood LLP.

Blue Ocean Shipping Lines, an owner of one of the vessels chartered by both companies for a total of nine shipments, said its ship's AIS was broken at the time. Another shipper said the AIS was never intentionally switched off, nor was any "AIS deficiency" reported.

Apart from tracking cargo, the AIS system is used to provide location information to insurance companies, banks and others. But it can be manipulated to indicate a ship is somewhere it isn't, by manually entering incorrect coordinates or

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ports. Radio signals issued by as many as 16 of the 47 ships indicated their Iranian cargo began the journey in a different country, though satellite imagery showed them to have been loaded in Iran, according to Windward. That suggests the signals may have been used to transmit false location information, Windward said.

"A misdeclaration of the ports of loading or discharge would be one of the indications that the voyage breached sanctions," Mr. Mukundan said. "In any case, such a misdeclaration would be improper and misleading."

Hiding a cargo's Iranian origin would allow an exporter to be paid more easily in dollars or conceal the involvement of blacklisted entities, according to London law firm W Legal Ltd, which specializes in sanctions law. "The U.S. administration is watching Iran-related business like a hawk," said Nigel Kushner, W Legal's chief executive.

A U.S. Treasury official declined to comment on the shipments identified by the Journal. "We take allegations of sanctionable conduct seriously but we do not comment on applicability of sanctions in individual circumstances," the official said.

This year, the U.S. government said a Taiwanese shipping company had violated Iran sanctions, and in its finding said the company left ship logs blank and switched off the vessel's AIS to conceal a ship-to-ship transfer of Iranian crude.

Write to Sarah McFarlane at sarah.mcfarlane@wsj.com and Benoit Faucon at benoit.faucon@wsj.com

The Washington Free Beacon: U.S. Permanent Resident Imprisoned in Iran Pleas for Release in Audio Recording

The Washington Free Beacon

Nizar Zakka, a U.S. permanent resident imprisoned in Iran, issued a desperate plea for international assistance in an audio recording in which he asserted his innocence from spying charges and vowed to continue his hunger strike "until my death or freedom." "I am innocent—never done any crime in my life," he says in an audio recording his family released to the Washington Free Beacon. "Have been arrested unjustly by—for over 20 months.

"I came to [Iran] based on the official invitation of its vice president for women and family affairs who also happened to send me a visa to speak at her conference," he says in the audio taped from inside Iran's notorious Evin prison. "This is against all international laws, therefore I went on an ongoing hunger strike as of yesterday—and ongoing until my death or freedom."

Zakka, whose health has sharply deteriorated in recent weeks according to his lawyer, said he made the decision to go on his fifth hunger strike to protest his open-ended detainment.

His attorney and family members said his blood pressure recently dropped to dangerously low levels, complicating existing physical problems that continue to go unaddressed.

"I came to this conclusion after having tried every possible option to get the Iranian authorities to do the right thing," Zakka says in the audio recording, which was made some time in the last two weeks.

Zakka then asks to meet with an unidentified person to "provide him with my will," and says he hopes to secure a meeting with the International Committee of the Red Cross before his health worsens. The person's name is bleeped out for privacy reasons, Zakka's family said.

"Thank you for your understanding if available, and [I] hope to be able to meet with the International Red Cross Committee, ICRC, before my situation degrades significantly," he says. "Thank you."

The gripping audio message includes a photo of a smiling Zakka standing alongside Shahindokht Molaverdi, Iran's vice president for women and family affairs. Molaverdi invited Zakka to a government-sponsored conference in Tehran in September 2015.

He was arrested and imprisoned the day after delivering a presentation on information communication technology for "women empowerment" at the conference designed to help women become more active within their communities.

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Molaverdi had requested the presentation and approved it, according to Zakka's attorney, Jason Poblete.

The audio of Zakka's voice is preceded by a recording of a woman stating in Persian that the call is taking place from inside the prison, a standard preamble to the few phone calls prisoners are allowed to make.

Straightforward and concise, the recording offers a rare glimpse of the mindset of a captive held in Evin Prison, infamous for its brutal beatings and torture.

The family's decision to release the audio comes two weeks after the death of Otto Warmbier. Warmbier, a University of Virginia student imprisoned in North Korea for a year and a half, was freed in mid-June but died just days after he returned home.

"The Zakka family asks for continued prayers and support, as well as the unconditional humanitarian release of Nizar," Poblete said in a statement.

One of Zakka's three sons, Nadim Zakka, recently wrote to Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, telling him that his father "is now on an open-ended hunger strike and is in very poor health."

"Please stop our suffering before it is too late," Nadim concluded.

An ICRC spokeswoman in Washington said only that the organization "does not have access to places of detention in the Islamic Republican of Iran, and we are not in a position to comment further."

Zakka, a 50-year-old Lebanese citizen who has spent years living in Washington, D.C., is one of several U.S. citizens or permanent residents imprisoned in Iran on espionage charges in the last several years.

Siamak Namazi, an Iranian-American businessman and his father Baquer Namazi, an 81-year-old former United Nations official who once served as governor of an Iranian province under the U.S.-backed shah, were imprisoned a few weeks after Zakka in the fall of 2015.

The Namazis' family members also are worried about both men's mental and physical health, which they say has been deteriorating. Babak Namazi underwent triple bypass surgery before his arrest, they say, and prison guards have beaten and tased him throughout their time in prison.

U.S. authorities also believe Robert Levinson, a former FBI agent who went missing in Iran in 2007, is being held there. Iranian officials have denied having anything to do with his disappearance but have pledged to help try to locate him.

Iran also has imprisoned several other westerners with dual Iranian citizenship over the past few years.

Zakka's case stands out because, unlike other captives with western ties, he was in Iran at the time of his imprisonment at the invitation of the Iranian government. Zakka is an advocate for internet freedom whose nonprofit has sponsored conferences across the Middle East and North Africa touting the economic and social benefits of investing in information technology.

He was traveling in Iran in September 2015 to attend an International Conference and Exhibition on Women in Sustainable Development. An undated invitation from Molaverdi asks Zakka to participate in the conference, which, the invite says, "focuses on introducing the position and role of women in business development considering the post 2015 Development agenda."

"Considering your countless knowledge, valuable experiences and deep creativeness & innovations, this would be our great honor to cordially invite you for enriching this significant event and transferring your achievements and experiences to this Conference," Molaverdi wrote in the invitation.

"We look forward to having the pleasure of your presence at this unique event," she concluded.

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The trip was Zakka's fifth to Iran in recent years either to discuss the economic and social benefits of information technology or to hold related conferences, according to Poblete.

Zakka's nonprofit cosponsored the conferences with the blessing and participation of the Iranian government and some of its most senior officials, including the first vice president of President Hassan Rouhani's government and the deputy minister for information and communication technology.

At a 2014 conference dubbed Persian ICT Week, Iran's First Vice President Ishagh Jahangiri delivered a speech in the opening session in which he appeared to embrace—at least in a limited capacity—the Internet and information technology.

"This is our point of view which decides such a modern phenomena [sic] to become either an opportunity or a threat," he said, according to a Facebook post from the conference quoting his speech. "The government in Iran considers the new world of information and communication, the cyber space and Internet as the signs of an upheaval in the world and not as threats."

"I believe Persian ICT Week is an opportunity within which all Iranian/non Iranian researchers, directors and experts in the field of ICT cooperate together regarding this important issue, find a wider perspective and discover new arenas," Jahangiri is quoted as saying.
Zakka helped organize the conference held Aug. 30 and 31 in Tehran at a conference hall known as IJLAS Center. The two-day conference's theme was "Internet Access toward Economic Growth" and brought together dozens of information communication technology stakeholders from around the region, including "telecom ministers, key members of the public and private sectors, and civil society," according to the event's Facebook page.

The conference was held in a hall against the backdrop of a large mural of Ali Khamenei, the supreme leader of Ian.

The event's Facebook site also shows Zakka in several photos alongside Nasrollah Jahangard, Iran's deputy minister for information and communications technology, including one with Peter Thrush, a New Zealand attorney specializing in internet law and the former chairman of the board of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

ICANN is a private, nonprofit global organization that manages billions of network addresses and Internet domains in coordination with companies and governments.

Several other prominent Iranians also participated, including Morteza Vaez Javadi Amoli, the nephew of the Grand Ayatollah Abdollah Javadi-Amoli, a conservative Iranian politician and Islamic scholar, according to conference organizers.

Zakka faces a 10-year prison sentence and a $4.2 million fine over spying allegations. The same hardline judge who sentenced *Washington Post* journalist Jason Rezaian handed down the sentence. A prisoner swap in January 2016 between Iran and the U.S. freed Rezaian and three other Iranian-Americans. Zakka and the Namazis, however, were left behind.

During the last year of the Obama administration, State Department officials repeatedly said they were trying to secure Zakka's and the Namazis' freedom "as soon as possible."

Siamak Namazi's attorney, Jared Genser, has said U.S. officials told Namazi's family that their son would be released a short time after the January 2016 prisoner swap with Iran. Not only did that no occur, the Iranians then imprisoned his father.

Republican lawmakers have blamed the Obama administration for giving Tehran an incentive to take more U.S. hostages with its $1.7 billion payment to Tehran last year, $400 million of which was paid in cash and timed to ensure the release of four U.S. hostages just as a nuclear agreement between the U.S., Iran, and other world powers was going into effect. The United States has a longstanding policy that forbids government payments in exchange for hostages.

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President Trump has vowed to make freeing American hostages held overseas a top priority, a senior Trump administration told the *Free Beacon* last month. Before Warmbier's release, the administration helped secure the release of Aya Hijazi, an Egyptian-American charity worker, imprisoned in Cairo three years ago.
The House Foreign Affairs Committee plans to hold a hearing this month featuring testimony from families of U.S. hostages held in Iran. The panel's Middle East and North Africa subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R., Fla.), in late June marked up a bipartisan resolution calling on Iran to unconditionally release all U.S. citizens and permanent legal residents.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Lang, Karin M; Lacina, Patricia A
Subject: RE: please pull from the system

Super, thank you.

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From: Lang, Karin M
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Kenna, Lisa D <kennald@state.gov>; Lacina, Patricia A <LacinaPA@state.gov>
Subject: RE: please pull from the system

Yes, it's the [redacted] resetting now to the SES FO workspace. Stand by. B5

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From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:37 PM
To: Lang, Karin M <LangKM@state.gov>; Lacina, Patricia A <LacinaPA@state.gov>
Subject: RE: please pull from the system

Yes please. Thank you and sorry for the trouble. It should be an [redacted]? B5

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From: Lang, Karin M
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Kenna, Lisa D <kennald@state.gov>; Lacina, Patricia A <LacinaPA@state.gov>
Subject: RE: please pull from the system

Yes, it's an [redacted]? It's listed as final action but I can reset it to whatever you want. Do we want it back in FO workspace? B5

Thanks, K

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From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Lang, Karin M <LangKM@state.gov>; Lacina, Patricia A <LacinaPA@state.gov>
Subject: please pull from the system

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Hi,

I mistakenly closed a memo this week called [redacted] Can you please have someone extract it from Everest? Thank you. B5

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Smith, Demian (Wellington)
Subject: RE: New Zealand statement on DPRK missile launch

Nice. Thanks for flagging.

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From: Smith, Demian (Wellington)
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Nanavatty, Katharine B <NanavattyKB@state.gov>
Subject: Fwd: New Zealand statement on DPRK missile launch

Hopefully this got to you a few days ago. The Kiwis got it out within hours of the launch.

From: Matthews, Matt J <MatthewsMJ@state.gov>
Date: 5 July 2017 at 2:12:13 AM NZST
To: Smith, Demian (Wellington) <SmithD3@state.gov>, Dean, Nicholas J <DeanNJ@state.gov>, Damberg-Ott, Gaetan W <Damberg-OttGW@state.gov>, Roskamp, Philip W <RoskampPW@state.gov>
Cc: Hinds, Lynda J (Wellington) <HindsLJ@state.gov>, Green, Candy (Wellington) <GreenC@state.gov>
Subject: Re: New Zealand statement on DPRK missile launch

Good to see NZ on top of it!

Matt Matthews
Ambassador for APEC and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands

From: Smith, Demian (Wellington)
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 1:44 AM
To: Roskamp, Philip W; Damberg-Ott, Gaetan W; Matthews, Matt J; Dean, Nicholas J
Cc: Green, Candy (Wellington); Hinds, Lynda J (Wellington)
Subject: Fwd: New Zealand statement on DPRK missile launch

Solid (and fast) NZ statement on DPRK launch.

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Hon Gerry Brownlee

Minister of Foreign Affairs

4 July 2017

Media Statement

North Korea missile tests unacceptable

Foreign Minister Gerry Brownlee has condemned today's test launch of a ballistic missile by North Korea.

"North Korea has now tested more than a dozen ballistic missiles this year," Mr Brownlee says.

"Like those previous tests, today's launch violates UN Security Council Resolutions and is completely unacceptable.

"New Zealand has made clear its opposition to such tests and I want to reiterate our condemnation of this type of activity.

"Today's missile landed near Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone – about 370 kilometres off the mainland. That's about the same distance as Wellington to New Plymouth – a very provocative and dangerous move.

"I want to reiterate New Zealand's strong belief that North Korea needs to start behaving responsibly and contribute to – instead of threatening – the stability to the region.

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"We will continue to support sanctions and international efforts to address this situation," Mr Brownlee says.

Warm regards,

Mitch Bradley

Policy Officer

North Asia Division
New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade | Manatū Aorere

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 5:58 PM
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Subject: Re: DipNote from Russians re: DPRK

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Will do. Thanks, Kate

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 8, 2017, at 5:46 PM, LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov> wrote:
>
> Go ahead and send D a note (cc me yun and salvo) and relay to him that the dip note came in for him and relay the substance, [redacted] Let him know that ops has the note and I can get it tomorrow afternoon as I will be in . Thx. B5
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> Gregory LoGerfo
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>> On Jul 8, 2017, at 5:16 PM, Nanavatty, Katharine B <NanavattyKB@state.gov> wrote:
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>> Greg,
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>> Quick note that Ops called this afternoon after receiving a DipNote from the Russian embassy.
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>> The Russian embassy said the Note was addressed for the Deputy Secretary and urgent. [redacted] B5
[redacted] B5
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>> Best, Kate
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>> Sent from my iPhone

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 6:34 PM
To: Davis, Timmy T
Subject: Fwd: Diplomatic Note from Russia on DPRK missile launch sent today to Ops Center

Fysa

On Monday let's catch up and I'd like your thoughts on how we keep each other properly updated on stuff like this.

Greg

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Gregory LoGerfo

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Nanavatty, Katharine B" <NanavattyKB@state.gov>
Date: July 8, 2017 at 6:13:32 PM EDT
To: "LoGerfo, Gregory D" <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>
Cc: "Salvo, David V" <SalvoDV@state.gov>, "Yun, Joseph Y" <YunJY@state.gov>
Subject: Diplomatic Note from Russia on DPRK missile launch sent today to Ops Center

Sir,

I hope you are having a good weekend. We wanted to let you know that this afternoon the Ops Center received a DipNote from the Russian embassy regarding the DPRK missile launch.

The Russian embassy told the Ops Center the Note was addressed to you and urgent. [redacted] B5

[redacted] B5

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
Thanks, Kate

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 6:54 PM
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Greg- apologies - this was meant for D. I have forwarded him the message. K

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From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Gilmore, Kristin M
Subject: [redacted] B6

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Kristin,

Thanks for your help cleaning up the courier issue on Saturday.

I wanted to ask for your thoughts on [redacted] She's looking for a backup plan in case [redacted] doesn't work out and someone recommended her to me. Any thoughts you have would be welcome. B6

Thanks,

James Applegate
DPRK Unit Chief
EAP/K

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Peterlin, Margaret JA
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S
Subject: RE: updated program for Kuwait tonight

[redacted] NR

Thanks

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From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Peterlin, Margaret JA <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>
Subject: FW: updated program for Kuwait tonight

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From: Hogan, Dereck J
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Williams, Meredith B <WilliamsMB@state.gov>
Cc: Madyun, Munir D <MadyunMD@state.gov>; Weigold Schultz, Eva A <WeigoldEA@state.gov>; Lenderking, Timothy A <lenderkingta@state.gov>; Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov>; Hammond, R.C. <HammondRC@state.gov>; Kenna, Lisa D <kennald@state.gov>; Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>; Piazza, Lucia C <PiazzaLC@state.gov>
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From: Hogan, Dereck J
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Silverman, Lawrence R (Kuwait)
Subject: Fwd: updated program for Kuwait tonight

FYI. - dh

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Dereck J. Hogan
Deputy Executive Secretary
U.S. Department of State
202-647-5302 | HoganDJ@state.gov

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Date: July 10, 2017 at 5:42:20 PM GMT+3
To: "Williams, Meredith B" <WilliamsMB@state.gov>
Cc: "Madyun, Munir D" <MadyunMD@state.gov>, "Weigold Schultz, Eva A" <WeigoldEA@state.gov>, "Lenderking, Timothy A" <lenderkingta@state.gov>, "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>, "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>, "Kenna, Lisa D" <kennald@state.gov>, "Brown, Clinton S" <BrownCS@state.gov>, "Piazza, Lucia C" <PiazzaLC@state.gov>
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Subject: RE: Dereck, please resend your last schedule message

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From: Hogan, Dereck J
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From: Hogan, Dereck J
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Diaz, Nina F; Tyner, Nicholas J
Cc: Weigold Schultz, Eva A; PA Travel and Events (S)
Subject: Fwd: updated program for Kuwait tonight

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Deputy Executive Secretary
U.S. Department of State
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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: July 10, 2017 at 5:42:20 PM GMT+3
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Cc: "Madyun, Munir D" <MadyunMD@state.gov>, "Weigold Schultz, Eva A" <WeigoldEA@state.gov>, "Lenderking, Timothy A" <lenderkingta@state.gov>, "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>, "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>, "Kenna, Lisa D" <kennald@state.gov>, "Brown, Clinton S" <BrownCS@state.gov>, "Piazza, Lucia C" <PiazzaLC@state.gov>
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To: Peterlin, Margaret JA
Subject: Re: updated program for Kuwait tonight

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Best, Dereck

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On Jul 10, 2017, at 11:04 PM, Peterlin, Margaret JA <PeterlinMJA@state.gov> wrote:

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June 28, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear President Trump,

As experts with decades of military, political, and technical involvement with North Korean issues, we strongly urge your administration to begin discussions with North Korea in the near future. In our view, this is the only realistic option to reduce dangers resulting from the current high state of tensions and prevent North Korea's ongoing development and potential use of nuclear weapons.

Talking is not a reward or a concession to Pyongyang and should not be construed as signaling acceptance of a nuclear-armed North Korea. It is a necessary step to establishing communication to avoid a nuclear catastrophe. The key danger today is not that North Korea would launch a surprise nuclear attack. Kim Jong Un is not irrational and highly values preserving his regime. Instead the primary danger is a miscalculation or mistake that could lead to war.

This effort should begin with informal bilateral talks—with no preconditions—to explore options for more formal negotiations.

To show good faith and jump-start talks, the United States could send a high-level presidential envoy to North Korea. Washington should make clear that the United States does not have hostile intentions toward North Korea and wants to explore peaceful paths forward. In return, Pyongyang could announce a freeze on tests of ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons. We expect China would support such talks and help to bring them about.

The initial goal of talks should be to reduce tensions and cap North Korea's arsenal. They will hopefully also lay the groundwork for longer term negotiations to roll back its arsenal and eventually denuclearize the peninsula.

There is no guarantee diplomacy will work. But there are no good military options, and a North Korean response to a US attack could devastate South Korea and Japan. Tightening sanctions can be useful in increasing pressure on North Korea, but sanctions alone will not solve the problem. Pyongyang has shown it can make progress on missile and nuclear technology despite its isolation. Without a diplomatic effort to stop its progress, there is little doubt that it will develop a long-range missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead to the United States.

Today there is a window of opportunity to stop these programs, and it may be the last chance before North Korea acquires long-range capability.

Time is not on our side. We urge you to put diplomacy at the top of the list of options on the table.

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Respectfully,

Robert L. Gallucci
Georgetown University

Siegfried S. Hecker
Center for International Security and Cooperation
Stanford University

Richard G. Lugar
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US Senator (Ret.)

William J. Perry
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George P. Shultz
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From:	Manya-Jean Gitter [redacted] RELEASE IN PART B6
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Cc:	USUN, Scheduling <USUNScheduling@state.gov>; Dewees, Leslie A. <DeweesLA@state.gov>; Ordeman, Leslie T <OrdemanLT@state.gov>; Tachco, Amy N <TachcoAN@state.gov>; Wong, Kam T <WongKT@state.gov>
Subject:	SPEAKING REQUEST: AJC (American Jewish Committee) Women's Leadership Board Luncheon, New York, NY, April -- May 2018
Attach:	Invitation Ambassador Nikki Haley AJC Womens Luncheon.pdf

Dear Ambassador Sison and Team USUN,

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Of course, I am happy to answer any questions and provide any further context that might be helpful.

We are most grateful for your consideration of this request.

Warm regards,
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June 28, 2017

H.E. Ambassador Nikki Haley
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
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New York, New York 10017

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Dear Ambassador Haley,

It is our privilege to invite you to address the American Jewish Committee's (AJC) Women's Leadership Board Spring Luncheon in Manhattan in late April or early May 2018, on a date that fits your schedule. It is our profound hope that you will be able to join us to speak before our audience of more than 400 influential women leaders from the New York Jewish community, joined by representatives of the diplomatic community.

At this venue, we would be thrilled to present you with the AJC Ramer Award for Diplomatic Excellence, to pay tribute to your courageous leadership at the United Nations. Previous recipients of this award include, among others: Alexander Downer (former Foreign Minister of Australia), Joschka Fischer (former Foreign Minister and Vice Chancellor of Germany), Ana Palacio (former Foreign Minister of Spain), and Vaira Vike-Freiberga (former President of Latvia).

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Warmly,

John Shapiro
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From:	Veldran, Katherine </O=SBUSTATE/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=VELDRAN, KATHERINEB0D>
Sent:	Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:06 AM
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From: Sardar, Satrajit <SardarS@state.gov>
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Attach: POTUS statements.docx

Aaron, whenever you have a chance to add to the book

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FROM JITU SARDAR
July 3, 2017, 10:01 a.m.

Ambassador, just wanted to flag a few POTUS call readouts that the White House issued yesterday: with President Xi, Prime Minister Abe, and Gulf State leaders:

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 2, 2017

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Readout of President Donald J. Trump's Phone Call with President Xi Jinping of China

President Donald J. Trump spoke today with President Xi Jinping of China. President Trump raised the growing threat posed by North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a denuclearized Korean Peninsula. President Trump reiterated his determination to seek more balanced trade relations with America's trading partners. The two leaders also discussed a range of other regional and bilateral issues of mutual interest, and affirmed that they look forward to meeting at the G20 in Hamburg, Germany.

Readout of President Donald J. Trump's Phone Call with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan

President Donald J. Trump spoke this evening with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan. The two leaders exchanged views on the growing threat from North Korea, including their unity with respect to increasing pressure on the regime to change its dangerous path. They reaffirmed that the United States-Japan Alliance stands ready to defend and respond to any threat or action taken by North Korea. President Trump and Prime Minister Abe also discussed a range of other regional and global issues of mutual interest, and noted that they look forward to meeting at the G20 Summit in Hamburg, Germany.

Readout of President Donald J. Trump's Calls with Gulf State Leaders

President Donald J. Trump spoke separately today with King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, Crown Prince Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, and Emir Tamin bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar. On the calls, President Trump addressed his concerns about the ongoing dispute between Qatar and some of its Gulf and Arab neighbors. He reiterated the importance of stopping terrorist financing and discrediting extremist ideology. The President also underscored that unity in the region is critical to accomplishing the Riyadh Summit's goals of defeating terrorism and promoting regional stability. President Trump, nevertheless, believes that the overriding objective of his initiative is the cessation of funding for terrorism.

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Cc: Black, Joshua J <BlackJ@state.gov>; Conroy, Brian T. <ConroyBT@state.gov>; Viña, Morgan L. <VinaML@state.gov>
Subject: Re: BY 10AM FRIDAY: Inputs for NH-Japan PR Bessho Lunch on Monday, July 10

All, [redacted] B5

[redacted] would appreciate short points on the other issues to enable Amb. Haley to deliver just the topline points for them. Please let me know if you need more time beyond 10am tomorrow. Thanks!! B5

David Y. Lee
Political Adviser (DPRK)
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Cc: Black, Joshua J; Conroy, Brian T.; Viña, Morgan L.
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Hi all,

Ambassador Haley will have lunch with the Japanese PR on July 10, Monday, and I've been asked to prep TPs. EXEC would like points on [redacted] issues by tomorrow, as well as any other issues POL and/or ECOSOC want to raise. **Please provide inputs by 10AM tomorrow** using the below format. If you have something existing (even if not in quite the right format), feel free to send my way and I'll get them in shape. Thanks! B5

1. **Topic: TP (Reiterate X; Encourage Y).**

- Highlight Z.
- Urge Country V to do W.

Note: If needed.

Best,
David

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 24, 2019

Case No. F-2017-14066

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated April 29, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed over 400 potentially responsive pages, and retrieved 75 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that the responsive information in 28 documents may be released in full, and the responsive information in 47 documents may be released in part.

All non-exempt, responsive material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Christopher Hair at Christopher.Hair@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2017-14066, and the civil action number, 18-cv-01321, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

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- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
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- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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Nauert, Heather N

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Subject: URGENT: Demarche to China on Refoulement of DPRK Asylum Seekers

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MRN: 17 STATE 35913
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E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PHUM, PREL, PGOV, PREF, UNHCR, KP, KR, CN
Captions: SENSITIVE
Subject: URGENT: Demarche to China on Refoulement of DPRK Asylum Seekers

1. (SBU) See Action Request Paragraph 3.

2. (SBU) **Summary:** Department requests Embassy Beijing work with likeminded embassies to express urgent concern to the Chinese government regarding reports that Chinese officials are preparing to deport nine North Korean asylum seekers. Five of these asylum seekers were detained in China around June 18, 2017; as of June 26, this group remains at a facility in Yanji but may be moved to Tumen or Helong in the next week. Four other asylum seekers were detained by Chinese authorities in Yanji City, Jilin Province, at some point between May 25 and June 8, 2017. These four people were recently transferred to facilities in Tumen and are scheduled to be repatriated in the next few days. All nine individuals are in immediate danger of repatriation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), where they are likely at risk of torture and threats to their life or freedom on protected grounds. **End Summary.**

3. (SBU) Action Request. The Department requests Embassy Beijing liaise with likeminded embassies, particularly the UK and France, to jointly express to the Chinese Government at the highest appropriate level our concern for the welfare of these individuals and urge China to provide temporary protection on humanitarian grounds and allow their safe transit to a third country within 24 hours of receipt of this request. Department requests Post's continued engagement to encourage the Chinese to consider the

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humanitarian impact of and international reaction to return for any asylum seeker, and to emphasize the importance of adhering to China's international obligations, including under the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, both of which it acceded to in 1982, and the UN Convention Against Torture, which it ratified in 1988. Post may draw on background and the following talking points when meeting with the Chinese government:

--We are deeply concerned that China is preparing to deport five DPRK asylum seekers B6 currently detained at a facility in Yanji and four DPRK asylum seekers currently detained in Tumen. We urge your government to allow the nine individuals, and any other DPRK nationals who may have been detained in the past several months, safe transit to a third country. If deported to the DPRK, these individuals would face a high risk of being subjected to serious human rights violations and abuses, which could include torture and threats to their life or freedom such as arbitrary detention, and possible extrajudicial killing.

--The 2014 report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on the situation in the DPRK found that individuals who are forcibly deported to the DPRK are commonly subjected to human rights violations. The Commission called on China and other countries to respect the principle of non-refoulement, particularly raising concerns with China's policy to forcibly deport any North Korean without proper documentation.

-- In light of the systematic mistreatment returnees would likely face at the hands of the North Korean authorities, deportation would be a violation of China's obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol and we thus urge Chinese authorities not to deport these defectors to North Korea.

-- In addition, we are concerned that deportation of this group would be inconsistent with China's obligations under Article 3 of the Convention Against Torture (CAT) not to "expel, return ("refoul") or extradite a person to another State where there are substantial grounds for believing that [the person] would be in danger of being subjected to torture." We note that there are no exceptions in CAT Article 3 on criminal or national security grounds.

--We remain focused on the deplorable human rights situation in North Korea, and concerned for the wellbeing of North Koreans in and outside the DPRK.

--If there is a way the United States can be helpful regarding these cases, please let us know.

IF RAISED:

--"The majority of North Koreans entering China illegally do so for economic reasons, and to view these individuals as "refugees" and not return them to North Korea would be tantamount to denying the sovereignty of North Korea."

Response: It is not a denial of North Korean sovereignty to make your own decision regarding people within your own borders. It could, however, be a violation of your obligations under an international treaty to send people to a place where they would likely be persecuted or tortured.

--"You are interfering in China's domestic affairs."

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Response: As this concerns your obligation as a party to the Convention Against Torture and the Refugee Convention and its Protocol, this is the concern of every other party to those treaties. This is an international issue and concerns international law.

End Action Request.

4. The Department appreciates Post's engagement and requests responses be slugged for DRL/EAP, PRM/ANE and EAP/K by July 5.

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Cc: DL NSC Press
Subject: Final July 7 Daily Press Guidance
Attachments: FINAL JULY 7 Daily Press Guidance.docx

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Hello,

Attached is the final version of today's guidance.

Thanks,

Vinnie

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Cc: DL NSC Press
Subject: Final July 10 Daily Press Guidance
Attachments: FINAL July 10 Daily Press Guidance.docx

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Thanks,

Vinnie

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:55 AM
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Subject: Press - Otto Warmbier's Memorial Service June 22, 2017
Attachments: Warmbier Funeral Media Reporting 20170623.docx

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Greg,

Attached please find press coverage from the Otto Warmbier service. USG references are highlighted. Kate asked me to forward.

Thanks,
Elizabeth
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Finer, Jonathan (Gardner) [redacted] B6
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:20 PM
To: Barrera, Amy (Gardner); Eng, Emily E (S)
Cc: Waters, Mary K; Semrad, Joseph
Subject: RE: 06.29.17 Breakfast between Secretary Tillerson and Senator Gardner

Vehicle information:
Make [redacted] B6
Mode
Color:
Year:
License Plate: [redacted]
State: [redacted]
Name: Jonathan Finer
Cell Number: [redacted]
License Number: [redacted]

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Best,
Jonathan

From: Barrera, Amy (Gardner)
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:02 PM
To: 'Eng, Emily E (S)' <EngEE@state.gov>
Cc: Waters, Mary K <WatersMK@state.gov>; Semrad, Joseph <SemradJ@state.gov>; Finer, Jonathan (Gardner) [redacted] B6
Subject: RE: 06.29.17 Breakfast between Secretary Tillerson and Senator Gardner

Wonderful – thanks so much. I'm looping in Jonathan finer who will be driving, to give you his info. And yes, we will have them all arrive together, and [redacted] B6

Thanks so much,
Amy

From: Eng, Emily E (S) [mailto:EngEE@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Barrera, Amy (Gardner) [redacted] B6
Cc: Waters, Mary K <WatersMK@state.gov>; Semrad, Joseph <SemradJ@state.gov>
Subject: RE: 06.29.17 Breakfast between Secretary Tillerson and Senator Gardner

Hey,

Thanks for your quick response!

Wonderful! We are confirmed for this breakfast on Thursday (6/29) at 7:30am (EDT) at the State Department. Curtis and Igor are welcome to join this breakfast; the Secretary will be joined by Margaret Peterlin (Chief of Staff) and Mary Waters.

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I've cc'd my colleague, Joe Semrad, who can help to coordinate arrival logistics. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions and if they plan on driving together or separately.

If they need a vehicle cleared for access, please pass along the following information as soon as possible.

Vehicle Make
Vehicle Model
Vehicle Color
Vehicle Year
Vehicle License Plate
Driver's Name
Driver's Cell Number
Driver's License Number

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

Best,
Emily

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From: Barrera, Amy (Gardner) [mailto B6
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Eng, Emily E (S) <EngEE@state.gov>
Cc: Waters, Mary K <WatersMK@state.gov>
Subject: RE: 06.29.17 Breakfast between Secretary Tillerson and Senator Gardner

Hi – no worries. 7:30am breakfast on Thursday is perfect. He does want to give Secretary Tillerson a read out of his trip to Seoul, Taiwan and the Philippines, and my guess is also will touch on North Korea given recent events. Are you all ok with staff? If so it would be Curtis Swager and Igor Khrestin, or we could just do 1 person if that is better.

Let me know your preference.

Thanks,
Amy

From: Eng, Emily E (S) [mailto:EngEE@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Barrera, Amy (Gardner) < B6
Cc: Waters, Mary K <WatersMK@state.gov>
Subject: 06.29.17 Breakfast between Secretary Tillerson and Senator Gardner

Hi Amy,

Hope this email finds you well! Apologies for the delay in zeroing in on a time / date.

Would Senator Gardner be available for a breakfast with the Secretary on Thursday (6/29) at 7:30am (EDT) at the State Department? If so, can you confirm that the topic that the Senator would like to discuss is his trip to Asia that occurred earlier this month? Additionally, who will be joining the Senator?

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

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Thanks,
Emily
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Church, Andrew P
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 3:53 AM
To: StateOpsSubscriptions
Subject: Automatic reply: CHINA SUSPENDS FUEL SALES TO DPRK (SBU)

I am out of the office through June 29. For anything urgent, contact Jason Witow at witowjn@state.gov or 202-647-1966.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Cc: Yun, Joseph Y; Lambert, Mark B; Applegate, James D
Subject: A few points

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1.4(B),B1,1.4(D), B6

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1.4(B)
1.4(D)

HI Brian:

[redacted]

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1.4(B)
1.4(D)

Best,

Dan

Dan Biers
Member, Policy Planning Staff
Department of State
202-647-3541 (office)
[redacted] (cell)

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: FW: CHINA SUSPENDS FUEL SALES TO DPRK (SBU)

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Interesting report ...

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To: StateOpsSubscriptions-DoNotReply@state.gov
Subject: CHINA SUSPENDS FUEL SALES TO DPRK (SBU)

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Stone, Laura M
Subject: RE: CNPC suspension

Yep, already made that point when I forwarded the blurb at the bottom of this chain to him earlier this morning.

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B1,B5,1.4(D)

From: Stone, Laura M
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: CNPC suspension

There is a lot in here that might be of interest, [redacted] B5

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From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Stone, Laura M
Subject: RE: CNPC suspension

Sure, [redacted] B5

[redacted] Best,

Dan

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From: Stone, Laura M
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Hague, Elizabeth W <HagueEW@state.gov>; Bray, Leah [redacted]; Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC [redacted] B6
Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>; McCandless, Daniel C [redacted] B6
<McCandlessDC@state.gov>
Cc: Evans, Peter O <EvansPO1@state.gov>
Subject: FW: CNPC suspension

Elizabeth: can you pass this info along?

[redacted] B1 1.4(D)

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Dan B: does this need to push up your channel somehow? There are some interesting tidbits in here.

Peter: if appropriate, can we send this over to Treasury and DOJ? I don't think they will get this otherwise.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 8:20 AM
To: Waters, John R (Rick) (Beijing); Quigley, Michael J (Beijing); McCue, William A (Beijing); Beran, Sarah (Beijing); Polley, Mary E (Beijing); Felsing, Evan T (Beijing); Lobstein, Baron P (Beijing); Brendan.Kelly[redacted] Tsao, Byron F (Beijing); Reynolds, David M (Shenyang); Easter, Matthew J (Shenyang); May, Gregory C; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; EAP-CM-Office-DL B6
Cc: Beijing POL Unit Chiefs; Fritz, Jonathan D (Beijing)
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+ China and Korea offices (additional info acquired after sending in front-channel cables.)

[redacted] B1 1.4(D)

That's it from me tonight. Just happens my schedule takes me to Tumen tomorrow morning. [redacted] B1 1.4(D)

Best,
Kim
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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Subject: Re: NYT asking for confirmation of CNPC suspension

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Will -- Feel free to fold this into what you are working on:

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Kim
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From: Polley, Mary E (Beijing)
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Felsing, Evan T (Beijing); Beran, Sarah (Beijing); Lobstein, Baron P (Beijing); Brendan.Kelly@ McCue, William A (Beijing) B6
Subject: NYT asking for confirmation of CNPC suspension

Evan, Sarah, Baron, Will, Brendan – NYT is looking for confirmation on this.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: FW: CNPC suspension

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Hi Brian:

In addition to what I sent earlier this morning, some more information from [redacted] B1 1.4(D) interesting stuff highlighted

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Becker, Abigail J; Biers, Dan L; P EAP Duty; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; Rupert, Aaron J; Bhatt, Aakash; Jacobs, Ryan A; Urena, Michael A; Kim, Shaun; Rosenkrantz, Steven; Park, Grace E; McCandless, Daniel C
Cc: Chan, Vanna; Rosner, Zachary A
Subject: RE: Flash Clearance: Talking Points for Paul Ryan's Meeting with President Moon
Attachments: TPs for Speaker Ryan - Moon Jae-in.docx

OK for D with a few suggested edits tracked.

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Cc: Chan, Vanna <ChanV@state.gov>; Rosner, Zachary A <RosnerZA@state.gov>
Subject: Flash Clearance: Talking Points for Paul Ryan's Meeting with President Moon
Importance: High

Dear colleagues,

Please see the attached Talking Points (equivalent of a BCL) for Speaker Paul Ryan when he meets with President Moon this week. I would appreciate your input by 1:30 – my apologies for the flash clearance. Thank you!

Best,
Abigail

Abigail Becker
Intern
Office of Korean Affairs (EAP/K)
U.S. Department of State
beckeraj@state.gov

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(SBU) Talking Points for Speaker Ryan with Republic of Korea (ROK)
President Moon Jae-in
Thursday, June 29, 2017, 10:00 AM
[*Moon, Jay-een*]

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	EAP/K –	()
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:28 PM
To: Mihailescu, Andrea R
Cc: Madyun, Munir D; Wachtel, Howard; Evans, Peter O
Subject: RE: DPRK call readout

Have no idea

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From: Mihailescu, Andrea R
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Cc: Madyun, Munir D <MadyunMD@state.gov>; Wachtel, Howard <wachtelh@state.gov>; Evans, Peter O <EvansPO1@state.gov>
Subject: RE: DPRK call readout

[redacted] If the [redacted] happens, will there be a readout conveyed to the group? B5

Andrea R. Mihailescu
202.736.7072

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From: Biers, Dan L
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Subject: RE: DPRK call readout

Well, there appears to be a disconnect somewhere. I was just told that the [redacted] phone call has yet to take place. That doesn't mean that [redacted] B5

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To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
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Subject: RE: DPRK call readout

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He;s the executive assistant to S. He's our peeps.

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To: Mihailescu, Andrea R <MihailescuAR@state.gov>
Cc: Madyun, Munir D <MadyunMD@state.gov>; Wachtel, Howard <wachtelh@state.gov>; Evans, Peter O <EvansPO1@state.gov>
Subject: RE: DPRK call readout

Tad Brown is from Treasury, right?

I have no firm indication the phone call took place, but will continue to try to confirm.

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It came from Tad Brown. What did you hear?

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+ Peter Evans EAP/CM

Are you sure? Is that coming from State? Best,

Dan

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Subject: RE: DPRK call readout

Thanks, Dan. [redacted] B5

Best,
Andrea

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Cc: Madyun, Munir D <MadyunMD@state.gov>; Wachtel, Howard <wachtelh@state.gov>
Subject: RE: DPRK call readout

HI Andrea:

I received an update earlier in the day, and my understanding was that [redacted] were to talk by phone this afternoon [redacted] Haven't received any word on that yet, though. Best, B5

Dan

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From: Mihailescu, Andrea R
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Cc: Madyun, Munir D <MadyunMD@state.gov>; Wachtel, Howard <wachtelh@state.gov>
Subject: DPRK call readout

Dan, any chance you have a readout of the call that took place between [redacted] on DPRK? It's my understanding that [redacted] B5

Thanks,
Andrea

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Johnson, Linda M
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Many thanks for your help, Linda, I will be in touch with IfRS presently. Best,

Dan

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From: Johnson, Linda M
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:48 AM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: Re: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Hi Dan.

Thanks for checking in. I met with IFRS today. They confirmed they would cover the hotel in Canberra, too.

They should have a revised draft agenda to me by OOB Monday. The one I viewed today is from Friday, Sept 15 midday to Sunday, Sept 17 at 1230pm. Last year, there was significant Australian participation, so if you did not have time to add Canberra-based consultations on either end of the Dialogue, there will be opportunities over drinks, dinner, etc in Bowral to meet with many interlocutors.

I'll introduce you to the organizers via email.

Linda

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Thursday, 29 June 2017 05:52
To: Johnson, Linda M
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Hi Linda:

I'm just now returning to this to make sure it can fit into what may be a rather hectic September for me. I plan to be in California for the middle part of September [redacted] and I may ultimately have to fly from LA vice DC to participate. I wonder if you could forward me an appropriate contact at IfRS so I can see if the logistics work out. Many thanks and best, B6

Dan

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From: Johnson, Linda M
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:24 AM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

They'll definitely pay for the hotel in Bowral, but let me get back to you on the hotel in Canberra.

I think they would greatly appreciate your active engagement in the discussion and your background would be incredibly useful. By the way, did you serve in Beijing when I was in EAP/CM covering consular and human rights? Your name sounds very familiar.

A CV would be great and would help me facilitate a solid answer on your second question.

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From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:32 AM
To: Johnson, Linda M
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Hi Linda:

I'm beginning to work this through the S/P approval process, and had a few questions:

--Does IFRS confirmation of travel funding (for which many thanks), include anything other than airfare, such as hotels?

--Would I be expected to present on any particular issue? My background as a journalist and in the Foreign Service is primarily China-focused, but at S/P I also have been working on DPRK and in the next several months I also expect to spend more time on thinking about how we can work with allies [redacted] B5

[redacted] B5

--Would it be useful for me to send you a CV?

Let me know and best,

Dan

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From: Johnson, Linda M
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Cc: Hennessey-Niland, John <Hennessey-NilandJ@state.gov>
Subject: FW: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

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Dan,

Thanks so much for reaching out.

The annual IFRS dinner will be held in Canberra September 14, followed by the dialogue in Bowral September 15-17. For the dialogue, the organizers book the entire Gibraltar Hotel – just under two hours from Canberra.

I've attached docs from 2016, including attendees, and a rough outline for 2017. Last year's theme was "Australia-United States-Japan Strategic Cooperation: Possibilities and Practicalities." It looks like academics from India will participate this year. Our CDA and General Terrence O'Shaughnessy (Commander, Pacific Air Force, U.S. Air Force) participated in the dinner and parts of the dialogue in 2016. It's done under Chatham House rules.

IFRS confirmed today that they could fund your travel, but you may want to run it by L. IFRS told me Michael Shiffer (Senate Foreign Relations Committee) ran into an issue last year on IFRS funding his trip, although we may have different rules.

I'm happy to chat anytime. It's a great dialogue.

Linda Johnson | Political/Military Affairs Officer | **U.S. Embassy Canberra** I Moonah Place I Yarralumla ACT 2600
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From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 5:59 AM
To: Hennessey-Niland, John
Subject: FW: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Hi John:

Following up on Mike's email, I'm working with Brian Hook in S/P as his Asia hand, and would be interested in the IfRS dialogue. Do you have any additional details – dates, agenda topics, etc – that you could share now? We're very much thinking about how to strengthen alliances and thinking of how we could work more closely together in areas such as SE Asia. Very best,

Dan

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From: Cognato, Michael H
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Hennessey-Niland, John <Hennessey-NilandJ@state.gov>
Cc: O'Connor, Matthew <OConnorME@state.gov>; Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

John,

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Dan Biers, who is handling EAP in S/P now, is interested in attending. He asked if funding is available.

I've cc'ed Dan so you can discuss details directly.

Best,

Mike

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From: Hennessey-Niland, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:23 AM
To: Cognato, Michael H
Cc: CanberraPOL
Subject: FW: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Mike,

Hi. The Charge asked that I share this with the desk. Jim will be participating in the annual IRFS event this September in Canberra. IRFS is asking for other State Department participation (as well as DoD). Jim wondered if anyone from the Policy Planning Unit might be interested. Welcome your thoughts.

Best,

John

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From: Chalmers, Jennifer A
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Mihailescu, Andrea R; Foley, Philip; Zarzecki, Thomas; Kim, Shaun
Cc: Gile, Robertson S; Jallorina, Jay J; Evans, Peter O
Subject: RE: DAS level from ISN, 3 pm today on DPRK?

We have received guidance from Ann Ganzer for myself and Blair to attend as we are short staffed in the FO.

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From: Mihailescu, Andrea R
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:43 PM
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Cc: Gile, Robertson S; Chalmers, Jennifer A; Jallorina, Jay J; Evans, Peter O
Subject: DAS level from ISN, 3 pm today on DPRK?

Treasury is moving the discussion to State because they couldn't get the Europeans cleared in time. Does ISN have a DAS they could send at 3 pm? I understand Eliot is not available.

I believe Peter is working on Susan Thornton – which I think would be outstanding if we can get her.

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Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 11:09 AM
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Victor Cha; Zack Cooper Zarate, Robert (Rubio); Zarzecki, Thomas
Subject: Policy Brief: Trump Acts against Chinese Bank for North Korean Money Laundering

Hope all is well, below is my Policy Brief on yesterday's North Korea sanctions.

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Trump Acts against Chinese Bank for North Korean Money Laundering

Anthony Ruggiero
*30 June 2017 - **FDD Policy Brief***

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Treasury **identified** China's Bank of Dandong as a "primary money laundering concern," noting that it serves as a gateway for North Korea's access to the U.S. and international financial systems. From May 2012 to May 2015, the bank processed $786 million in transactions through the American banking system, including transactions with, or on behalf of, companies linked to U.S.- and UN-sanctioned North Korean entities.

In particular, the Bank of Dandong: 1) facilitated millions of dollars of transactions for companies involved in procuring ballistic missile technology; 2) as of early 2016, held multiple bank accounts on behalf of a front company for North Korea's main arms exporter, designated by the U.S. in 2005 and the UN in 2009; 3) engaged in substantial suspicious activities reported by U.S. banks, including apparent transactions with shell companies; and 4) until December 2016, was partially owned by the U.S.-sanctioned Dandong Hongxiang Industrial Development Co. Ltd. (DHID) – a Chinese company indicted by the Justice Department for alleged violations of U.S. law on behalf of North Korea – and allowed DHID to process $56 million through U.S. banks between October 2012 and December 2014.

Yesterday's action against Bank of Dandong should **force** Chinese banking executives to develop and implement a plan to stop North Korea's money laundering or lose their access to the American banking system. Since November 2016, U.S. banks have had an obligation to **verify** that Chinese banks are not using their American accounts on behalf of North Korea. Treasury's action will lead to tough questions about whether other Chinese banks have helped North Korea to evade sanctions. This could have a **beneficial** effect in those instances, where Chinese financial institutions implement a strong North Korea sanctions compliance program outside direction from Chinese leadership.

In addition to taking action against Bank of Dandong, Treasury also sanctioned two Chinese individuals and one Chinese company, noting they were involved in establishing front companies, conducting financial transactions, and shipping illicit luxury goods. This reinforces the message that Chinese entities and individuals evading sanctions will now be held accountable.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Anthony Ruggiero [redacted] B6
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 11:14 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: Policy Brief: Trump Acts against Chinese Bank for North Korean Money Laundering

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Brian,

Hope all is well, I'm sure you are busy with President Moon's visit, but wanted to offer my thoughts on sanctioning a Chinese bank and noted the potential beneficial effect of using Section 311 rather than a designation.

Best,
Anthony

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From: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:25 AM
To: D EAP Duty Officer
Subject: FW: [redacted] - Monday morning
Attachments:

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From: Duff, Andrew W
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 5:15 PM
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>; Henninger, Carol A <HenningerCA@state.gov>; Fields, Adam (S) <FieldsAJ2@state.gov>; S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Cc: EB-A-Staff-Assistants-DL <EB-A-Staff-Assistants-DL@state.gov>; McNulty, Kate <McNultyK@state.gov>; Dodman, Michael J <DodmanMJ@state.gov>; Manogue, Robert D <ManogueRD@state.gov>; Holman, Amy E <HolmanAE@state.gov>; Haslach, Patricia M <HaslachPM@state.gov>; Kubiske, Lisa <KubiskeL@state.gov>
Subject: Re: [redacted] Monday morning

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Greg and S Specials: attached is this [redacted] complete with clearances and EB AA/S approval. Will send a follow-on email with 10 sub-tabs to Tab 2 -- up to you whether you want to append those officially or not.
-Andrew Duff, EB staffer

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Henninger, Carol A; Fields, Adam (S); S_SpecialAssistants
Cc: EB-A-Staff-Assistants-DL; McNulty, Kate; Dodman, Michael J
Subject: RE: [redacted] - Monday morning

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Hello carol – many thanks – we are here. Just a heads up that D will likely want to do a conf call pre brief tonight [redacted]

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From: Henninger, Carol A
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Fields, Adam (S) <FieldsAJ2@state.gov>; S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>; Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Cc: EB-A-Staff-Assistants-DL <EB-A-Staff-Assistants-DL@state.gov>; McNulty, Kate <McNultyK@state.gov>; LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>
Subject: RE: [redacted] Monday morning

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Hi Adam and Greg,
We are on our final clearance and will be sending shortly. I'm working from home but can be reached at [redacted]

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Best,
Carol

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From: Fields, Adam (S)
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 3:35 PM
To: Henninger, Carol A; S_SpecialAssistants; Brown, Clinton S
Cc: EB-A-Staff-Assistants-DL; McNulty, Kate; LoGerfo, Gregory D
Subject: RE: [redacted] - Monday morning B5

Hi Carol,

I am adding in Greg LoGerfo (D's Executive Assistant), who is looking for a status update on the paper EB is drafting for the meeting. If you are in the building and can give me a call now that would be great. Greg is sitting in my office now.

Adam Fields
S Special Assistant
Office of the Secretary
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From: Henninger, Carol A
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 12:52 PM
To: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>; Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Cc: EB-A-Staff-Assistants-DL <EB-A-Staff-Assistants-DL@state.gov>; McNulty, Kate <McNultyK@state.gov>
Subject: [redacted] Monday morning B5

Hello S staff,

[redacted] B5

[redacted] We'll send up the fully cleared paper as soon as possible. If you would like an advance copy or have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,
Carol

Carol Henninger
Acting Director
EB/TPN/MTA
X64440
Cell: [redacted] B6

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P:	Josh Cartin	ok
S/P:	Merin Rajadurai	ok
E:	Rob Cavese	info by request
L/EB:	Niki Dutta	info
EUR/ERA:	Conrad Tribble	ok
SCA/RA:	Allen Hodges	ok
WHA/EPSC:	Kary Hintz-Tate/Terri Robl	ok
EAP/EP:	Jillian Deluna	ok
EAP/J	Aaron Forsberg	ok
EAP/CM:	Roxie Houge	ok
WHA/CAN:	Andrew Chapman	info

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From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 4:28 PM
To: Hsieh, Audrey; Betancourt, Annika R; Starkweather, Ryan P; Cobb, William P; McCandless, Daniel C; Snyder, Nicholas JC; Biers, Dan L
Cc: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Subject: RE: For Clearance by COB tomorrow: Short Cable on SE Asian Journalists Reporting Tour on DPRK

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Edits from DPRK unit attached. Please note the red-line edit regarding [redacted] B5

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Cc: Nanavatty, Katharine B; Hsieh, Audrey
Subject: RE: For Clearance by COB tomorrow: Short Cable on SE Asian Journalists Reporting Tour on DPRK

Audrey from our office is making some edits and will circulate shortly.

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From: Starkweather, Ryan P
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Betancourt, Annika R; Cobb, William P; McCandless, Daniel C; Snyder, Nicholas JC; Biers, Dan L; D EAP Duty Officer
Cc: Nanavatty, Katharine B
Subject: For Clearance by COB tomorrow: Short Cable on SE Asian Journalists Reporting Tour on DPRK

Dear Colleagues,

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Attached please find a short draft cable on a recent EAP/PD-organized Southeast Asian journalists' reporting tour of PACOM, Tokyo and Seoul, in order to help them better understand the security issues associated with the DPRK and its provocations. Appreciate your review and clearance by COB tomorrow.

Best,

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Approved: NEA: Stuart Jones, Acting

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Johnson, Linda M
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Hi Linda:

I'm afraid that I will not be able to attend the IFRS dialogue this year as I had hoped. B6

I really appreciate all the help you have provided and B6
apologize for the added work. If your travels bring you to DC in the next year, I would be very happy to get together to say hi and discuss Asia-Pacific stuff. Very best,

Dan

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From: Johnson, Linda M
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:48 AM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: Re: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Hi Dan.

Thanks for checking in. I met with IFRS today. They confirmed they would cover the hotel in Canberra, too.

They should have a revised draft agenda to me by OOB Monday. The one I viewed today is from Friday, Sept 15 midday to Sunday, Sept 17 at 1230pm. Last year, there was significant Australian participation, so if you did not have time to add Canberra-based consultations on either end of the Dialogue, there will be opportunities over drinks, dinner, etc in Bowral to meet with many interlocutors.

I'll introduce you to the organizers via email.

Linda

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Thursday, 29 June 2017 05:52
To: Johnson, Linda M
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Hi Linda:

I'm just now returning to this to make sure it can fit into what may be a rather hectic September for me. I plan to be in California for the middle part of September , and I may ultimately have to fly from LA vice DC to B6

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participate. I wonder if you could forward me an appropriate contact at IfRS so I can see if the logistics work out. Many thanks and best,

Dan

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From: Johnson, Linda M
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:24 AM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

They'll definitely pay for the hotel in Bowral, but let me get back to you on the hotel in Canberra.

I think they would greatly appreciate your active engagement in the discussion and your background would be incredibly useful. By the way, did you serve in Beijing when I was in EAP/CM covering consular and human rights? Your name sounds very familiar.

A CV would be great and would help me facilitate a solid answer on your second question.

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From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:32 AM
To: Johnson, Linda M
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Hi Linda:

I'm beginning to work this through the S/P approval process, and had a few questions:

--Does IFRS confirmation of travel funding (for which many thanks), include anything other than airfare, such as hotels?

--Would I be expected to present on any particular issue? My background as a journalist and in the Foreign Service is primarily China-focused, but at S/P I also have been working on DPRK and in the next several months I also expect to spend more time on thinking about how we can work with allies [redacted] B5

--Would it be useful for me to send you a CV?

Let me know and best,

Dan

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From: Johnson, Linda M
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Cc: Hennessey-Niland, John <Hennessey-NilandJ@state.gov>
Subject: FW: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Dan,

Thanks so much for reaching out.

The annual IFRS dinner will be held in Canberra September 14, followed by the dialogue in Bowral September 15-17. For the dialogue, the organizers book the entire Gibraltar Hotel – just under two hours from Canberra.

I've attached docs from 2016, including attendees, and a rough outline for 2017. Last year's theme was "Australia-United States-Japan Strategic Cooperation: Possibilities and Practicalities." It looks like academics from India will participate this year. Our CDA and General Terrence O'Shaughnessy (Commander, Pacific Air Force, U.S. Air Force) participated in the dinner and parts of the dialogue in 2016. It's done under Chatham House rules.

IFRS confirmed today that they could fund your travel, but you may want to run it by L. IFRS told me Michael Shiffer (Senate Foreign Relations Committee) ran into an issue last year on IFRS funding his trip, although we may have different rules.

I'm happy to chat anytime. It's a great dialogue.

Linda Johnson | Political/Military Affairs Officer | **U.S. Embassy Canberra** I Moonah Place I Yarralumla ACT 2600
email JohnsonLM@state.gov I **tel**: (02) 6214 5718 I **mobile:** [redacted] B6

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From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 5:59 AM
To: Hennessey-Niland, John
Subject: FW: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Hi John:

Following up on Mike's email, I'm working with Brian Hook in S/P as his Asia hand, and would be interested in the IfRS dialogue. Do you have any additional details – dates, agenda topics, etc – that you could share now? We're very much thinking about how to strengthen alliances and thinking of how we could work more closely together in areas such as SE Asia. Very best,

Dan

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From: Cognato, Michael H
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Hennessey-Niland, John <Hennessey-NilandJ@state.gov>
Cc: O'Connor, Matthew <OConnorME@state.gov>; Biers, Dan L <BiersDL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

John,

Dan Biers, who is handling EAP in S/P now, is interested in attending. He asked if funding is available.

I've cc'ed Dan so you can discuss details directly.

Best,

Mike

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From: Hennessey-Niland, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:23 AM
To: Cognato, Michael H
Cc: CanberraPOL
Subject: FW: TASKING: CdA meets Peter Nicholson to discuss 2017 IfRS Dialogue

Mike,

Hi. The Charge asked that I share this with the desk. Jim will be participating in the annual IRFS event this September in Canberra. IRFS is asking for other State Department participation (as well as DoD). Jim wondered if anyone from the Policy Planning Unit might be interested. Welcome your thoughts.

Best,

John

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: Re: Draft S Statement on NK Launch

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Thanks, Brian. [redacted] B5

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 4, 2017, at 9:51 AM, Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>
Date: July 4, 2017 at 8:45:29 AM EDT
To: "Peterlin, Margaret JA" <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>, "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>
Cc: "Thornton, Susan A" <ThorntonSA@state.gov>, "Williams, Meredith B" <WilliamsMB@state.gov>
Subject: Draft S Statement on NK Launch

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Eng, Emily E (S)
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:27 PM
To: Hook, Brian H; Hammond, R.C.
Cc: Peterlin, Margaret JA
Subject: FW: ACTION: REVISED DPRK Press Points
Attachments: REVISED DPRK ICBM TPS.docx

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Importance: High

FYI

-----Original Message-----
From: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings [mailto: [redacted] B6
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 6:22 PM
To: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings
Subject: ACTION: REVISED DPRK Press Points
Importance: High

All -
Please pass the REVISED press points to your Principal [redacted] and confirm when the points have been passed. B5
Thank you and have a happy Fourth of July, Lauren

-----Original Message-----
From: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:06 PM
To: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings
Subject: ACTION: Updated DPRK Press Points
Importance: High

All -
Good Afternoon - please pass the attached

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Lacey, Edward
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: DPRK Memo from Carnegie
Attachments: DPRK Firewall Full Memo July5 2017.docx

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Brian,

Attached you will please find a memo from Carnegie's George Perkovich (and friends) with a proposal for a DPRK nuclear/missile freeze (see the e-mail message below). Please note that although the paper is labeled "*Confidential,*" it is in fact NOT CLASSIFIED.

[redacted] B5

If you would like to hear more about this, I am confident George would be delighted to come by to discuss it with you. If you are interested, let me know and I'll set it up.

Best,
Ed

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From: George Perkovich [mailto:[redacted]] B6
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Lacey, Edward
Subject: DPRK memo

Dear Ed,

I hope you are well. I attach a memo that Toby Dalton, Eli Levite and I wrote outlining an approach to seeking a comprehensive freeze on DPRK nuclear-weapons-related activities. [redacted] B4

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If you find the memo interesting I'm wondering if you would be willing to pass it along to Brian Hook. I don't know him but am told by many people he should see this. We would of course be happy to discuss.

Best, George

George Perkovich
Ken Olivier And Angela Nomellini Chair
Vice President for Studies
Technology and International Affairs
Nuclear Policy Program
South Asia Program
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

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A Comprehensive Freeze on DPRK's Nuclear Arsenal

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Fr: Ariel Levite, George Perkovich and Toby Dalton
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Da: July 5, 2017

This memo sketches an approach [redacted] B4 to pursue a comprehensive freeze on North Korea's development, testing, deployment and imports/exports of nuclear weapons and delivery capabilities. Such a freeze would itself significantly enhance regional and global security, while facilitating subsequent steps to dismantle the DPRK nuclear arsenal.

We assume that others can readily suggest how such a freeze would be embedded in a longer-term strategy to negotiate the elimination of the DPRK's nuclear capabilities, as called for in the 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks. It is also beyond our technical purpose to suggest what might be offered to the DPRK as part of such negotiations, other than to acknowledge that under a freeze Pyongyang would retain (under strict limitations and tight verification) the basic deterrent it now possesses, pending resolution of broader issues.

The design of a comprehensive freeze is informed by five years of behind-the-scene work with technical experts [redacted] to develop what we call a "nuclear firewall." The firewall aims, in a country-neutral way, to distinguish nuclear weapons programs from purely peaceful nuclear programs. A report on the firewall project is available upon request.

To apply the firewall model specifically to the DPRK, we convened in Beijing on March 1-2, 2017 a workshop of nuclear weapons experts [redacted] This workshop was remarkably constructive, technical, and free from political posturing. All participants accepted the premise that the threats posed by the advance of the DPRK's nuclear and missile programs are so alarming that every effort should now be made to freeze these programs as comprehensively as possible, while facilitating the attainment of the ultimate objective of eliminating them.

Measures designed to preclude the DPRK's acquisition of long-range nuclear weapon delivery capability (which is a priority objective) must be accompanied by steps that also help diminish the regional threat posed by the DPRK. The approach developed in the Beijing workshop and described below is more ambitious and therefore, in our view, superior to other capping options that might be proposed by Russia, for instance. This is not to underestimate the political and technical complexity of negotiating and implementing a comprehensive freeze.

The Strategic Imperative to Coordinate Now With China a DPRK Negotiating Strategy

Bargaining logic might suggest that the most effective way to approach the DPRK would be to work with China and other players to intensify sanctions and other forms of pressure, soften up the Pyongyang regime, and then negotiate. Yet, the U.S. also has declared that DPRK acquisition of a plausibly effective ICBM will not be tolerated, with the implication that military action will be taken to deny such acquisition. The timelines of the two processes was proved problematic on July 4: the DPRK technology development process appears to be outpacing the pressure-soften-negotiate

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process. The U.S. faces a strategic quandary and credibility challenge. Using force against the DPRK missile program before negotiations between the current administration and Pyongyang have been tried could produce significant backlash in China, the UN Security Council, much of the rest of the world, and perhaps within the U.S. (The timeline problem is somewhat obviated if the U.S. "red line" is not a working ICBM alone, but rather a plausible DPRK capability to integrate and deliver a nuclear warhead via an ICBM. This is a more difficult and distant capability. Yet, if that is the actionable line for the U.S., it might be necessary to correct impressions that an ICBM is the decisive issue. Otherwise the U.S. may face credibility problems if and as the ICBM program advances and Washington does not intercede to stop or significantly delay it).

A relatively low-cost and strategically preferable alternative would be to work with China privately now to prepare a negotiating strategy for talks to be offered to the DPRK as soon as possible. The aim with China would be to outline terms of a comprehensive freeze on the DPRK's nuclear weapons-related activities (as sketched here), with China's agreement that if the DPRK rejects the offered reasonable basis for negotiations, China would take specific steps to intensify economic and other pressure on the DPRK in response. Cooperatively sketching terms that would be sought from the DPRK would reassure Beijing (somewhat) that the U.S. is taking a realistic position worthy of support; Beijing's delineation of steps it would take in the event Pyongyang rejected such negotiations would reassure Washington (somewhat) that Beijing is serious. By clarifying China's willingness to tighten the screws if Pyongyang rejects a reasonable framework for negotiations, Washington and Beijing also would impede efforts by Russia and perhaps other actors to proffer softer terms. While we are not privy to discussions the U.S. has had with Beijing on these issues, our interactions with Chinese counterparts as recently as mid-June suggest that officials there would be responsive to the approach we suggest here.

We do not pretend to know "what the DPRK wants" or what it would be willing to accept in terms of freezing its nuclear-related activities. We believe that, at a minimum, the DPRK will insist on retaining some form of nuclear deterrent for purposes of regime survival and for obtaining political recognition, resolution of relations with the U.S., and economic inducements. In our view the most internationally credible way to assess and test DPRK motivations and interests is to begin negotiations, and to do so in an approach shared with China.

Of course, great care and effort must be taken to demonstrate to South Korea and Japan that their interests will be served both by the process and the sought outcomes of negotiations. This imperative informs our focus on freezing delivery system development and testing, and militarization of DPRK capabilities. Both are intended to keep the DPRK from going beyond a basic existential deterrent to a war-fighting capability that would be even more dangerous to South Korea and Japan, or sufficient long-range capability to threaten the credibility of U.S. alliance commitments to Seoul and Tokyo. We believe that the new government in Seoul will be receptive and that Japan can be too, through a combination of diplomatic, military, and political reassurances.

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Elements of a Comprehensive Freeze

To meaningfully freeze the DPRK's advance toward a robust and operational nuclear arsenal, it is necessary to encompass fissile material production; weapons-related research, development, and testing; delivery vehicle development and testing and systems integration; and

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militarization of nuclear capabilities. (David Albright in a recent posting suggested the need for such a comprehensive approach, compared with simply seeking to curtail plutonium production and testing of nuclear devices and missiles. This memo goes further and fleshes out what a comprehensive freeze might entail). While verification of limits on activities in each of these domains is challenging and inevitably fraught with some uncertainties, we suggest there are ways to structure a prospective agreement so that the DPRK would face high risks that violation(s) would be detected. Monitoring and verification of the elements in a proposed freeze would indicate if/when the DPRK moves in alarming or reassuring directions.

Benchmarks for a Freeze

To design an effective, comprehensive freeze it is useful to start from a conservative benchmark of current DPRK capabilities. We assume that in negotiating a freeze the DPRK would have incentive to exaggerate or "best case" the capabilities it has already achieved, in order to grandfather them under a freeze. This should invite demands for transparency to validate such claims: capabilities that the DPRK is unwilling to subject to transparency or verification would not be accepted under a freeze. With this premise, participants in the Beijing workshop produced the following benchmark of capabilities.

Fissile Materials:

- DPRK possesses sufficient fissile material to produce several nuclear devices.
- Plutonium supplies are limited (perhaps 30kg) and suffice for a small arsenal and would be indispensable for warheads designed for long-range missiles.
- HEU stockpiles are significant (perhaps 400kg or more) and growing based on a production capacity estimated at 10,000 SWU. HEU-based weapons design could be especially suitable for short-range nuclear delivery options.
- No real civilian applications.

Weapons R&D

- DPRK possesses knowledge and practice for designing first-generation nuclear explosive devices.
- It may still be struggling to enhance weapon yields and effects, and aiming to deign boosted devices and beyond.

Systems Integration and Delivery Vehicles

- DPRK has operational liquid-fuel SRBMs, MRBMs, and perhaps IRBMs.
- It is working on warhead miniaturization, development of solid fuel engines, and ICBM and SLBM delivery capability. It still faces difficulties in these areas.
- It might be interested in other delivery platforms.

Militarization

- The DPRK nuclear force might be crude, including in its operational capabilities.
- The primary focus appears to be political control and demonstrative use for deterrence purposes.

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Based on this benchmark (pending revision informed by better estimates), a freeze would temporarily allow the DPRK to retain and maintain existing fissile material stocks, facilities, weapons, and SRBM/MRBM delivery capabilities. It would leave open development of a *purely* peaceful nuclear energy program and sustainment of a space launch program that is demonstrably unsuitable for military purposes.

Achieving an effective freeze thus requires the ability to distinguish:

- Routine ongoing activities (e.g., arsenal, material, and facility maintenance) from upgrades and expansion;
- Security and safety activities from enhancement of military readiness;
- Space launch and conventional missile activity from nuclear weapons (or other WMD) long-range delivery vehicle development and testing;
- Peaceful nuclear energy activities from weapons-oriented ones;
- Prohibited exports and imports from acceptable ones.

In a cooperative arrangement, these distinctions could be maintained through dialogue and conduct of transparency, whereby if the DPRK refuses to clarify activities of concern the given activity would be deemed out of bounds.

Elements of a Freeze

Beijing workshop participants judged the following elements to be essential and feasible for a security-enhancing freeze, in order of priority.

Delivery Vehicles:

- Ban any further work on re-entry vehicles for IRBMs and ICBMs (to include both ground-based and flight tests);
- Ban development and testing of solid-fuel rockets;
- Ban development and testing of SLBM-launch capability;
- SLV work would be permissible provided adequate assurance that it would not be applied to development and/or testing of ballistic missiles.

Weapons R&D:

- Ban any further work on advanced fission or fusion devices and boosting technology;
- Ban all nuclear tests (both hot and cold);
- Ban development of other WMD warheads.

Fuel Cycle:

- Cessation of production of all fissile materials (enrichment from UF6 upwards and reprocessing), tritium and Li6;
- Ban construction of new fuel cycle facilities and heavy water reactors; prohibit expansion/upgrade of existing facilities;
- Ban casting of fissile materials into metal.

Militarization:

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- Prohibit development of a warfighting nuclear posture (dispersal, readiness, pre-delegation, training, arsenal growth).

Nonproliferation:

- Ban exports and imports of fissile materials, nuclear weapons, and related technology, equipment and materials;
- Ban export of missile exceeding MTCR guidelines.

Transparency, Monitoring and Verification

We assume the DPRK will be tempted to cheat on a freeze (however designed) and on a putative agreement to eliminate its nuclear arsenal. Regarding a freeze, this leads some to argue that it is advisable to constrain only those activities that are readily verifiable, for example, flight testing of missiles and hot testing of nuclear weapons. However, we believe this view is fundamentally flawed. Prohibiting only the most verifiable activities could/would cede to the DPRK others, particularly related to weaponization R & D and systems integration. A more fulsome freeze package would constrain much more, and even if the DPRK were tempted to cheat, the more activities that are proscribed, the greater the risk that cheating on one or more could be detected, constituting a violation of the agreement. The more comprehensive the freeze, the greater the uncertainty the DPRK would face that any violation (s) would not be detected, with consequences.

Beijing workshop participants approached transparency and verification from this perspective, and also with an understanding that in negotiations the DPRK would be presented with trade-offs between its interest in retaining capabilities under a freeze and its preference to avoid transparency and verification. Whatever capabilities/activities the DPRK want to preserve under a freeze would have to be verified at the outset and subsequently.

We can, upon request, brief more fully the Beijing workshop's discussion of verification.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: D WHA Duty Officer4
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 5:41 PM
To: Johnson, Kegan
Subject: Information Memo - 2017 EAP Press Freedom Analysis.Final
Attachments: Information Memo - 2017 EAP Press Freedom Analysis.Final.docx

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Kegan:

This looks good. I think we should only send up this one memo. I don't think the background is necessary. If the memo goes beyond Virginia, we may want to add some additional background in, but these will be indices that she is familiar with.

There's one section I'd like to discuss before you move it forward, but it should just be a quick conversation. It's the same section that I was confused over before. I just have a few questions, but think we can sort them quickly.

Thanks,
Julie
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INFORMATION MEMO FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY BENNETT

FROM: DRL/EAP – Kegan Johnson

SUBJECT: (SBU) East Asia Falls Further in 2017 Press Freedom Rankings

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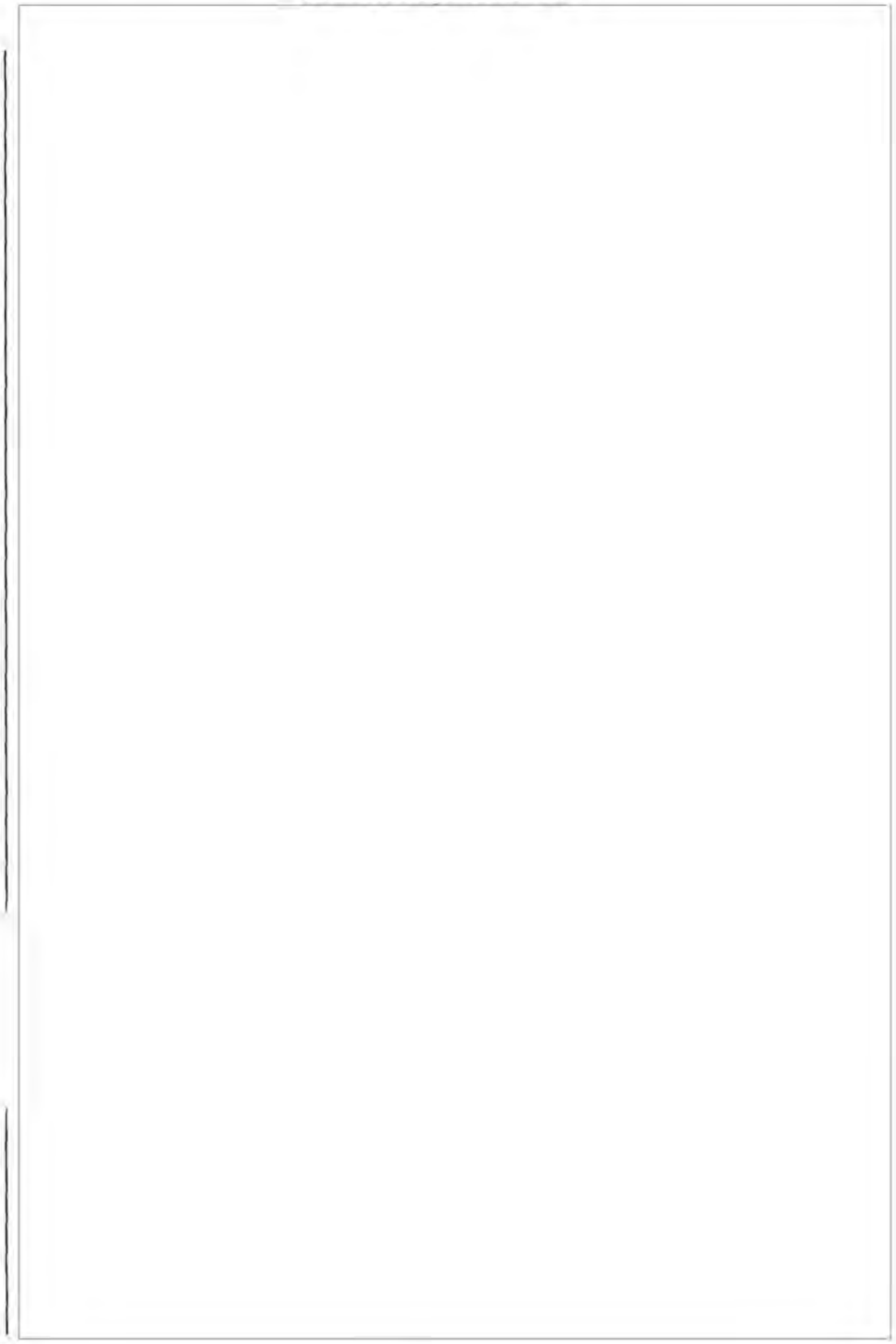
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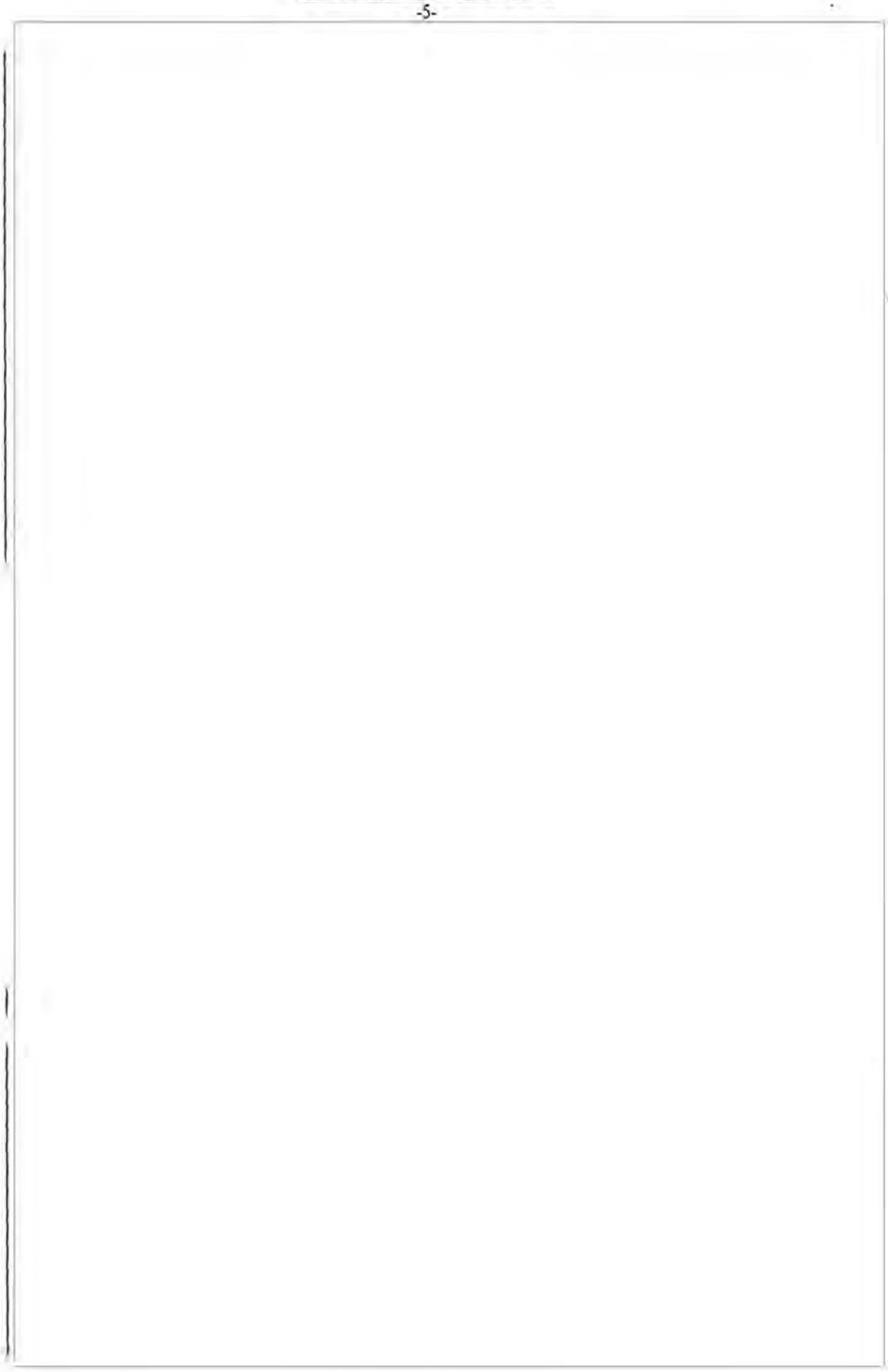
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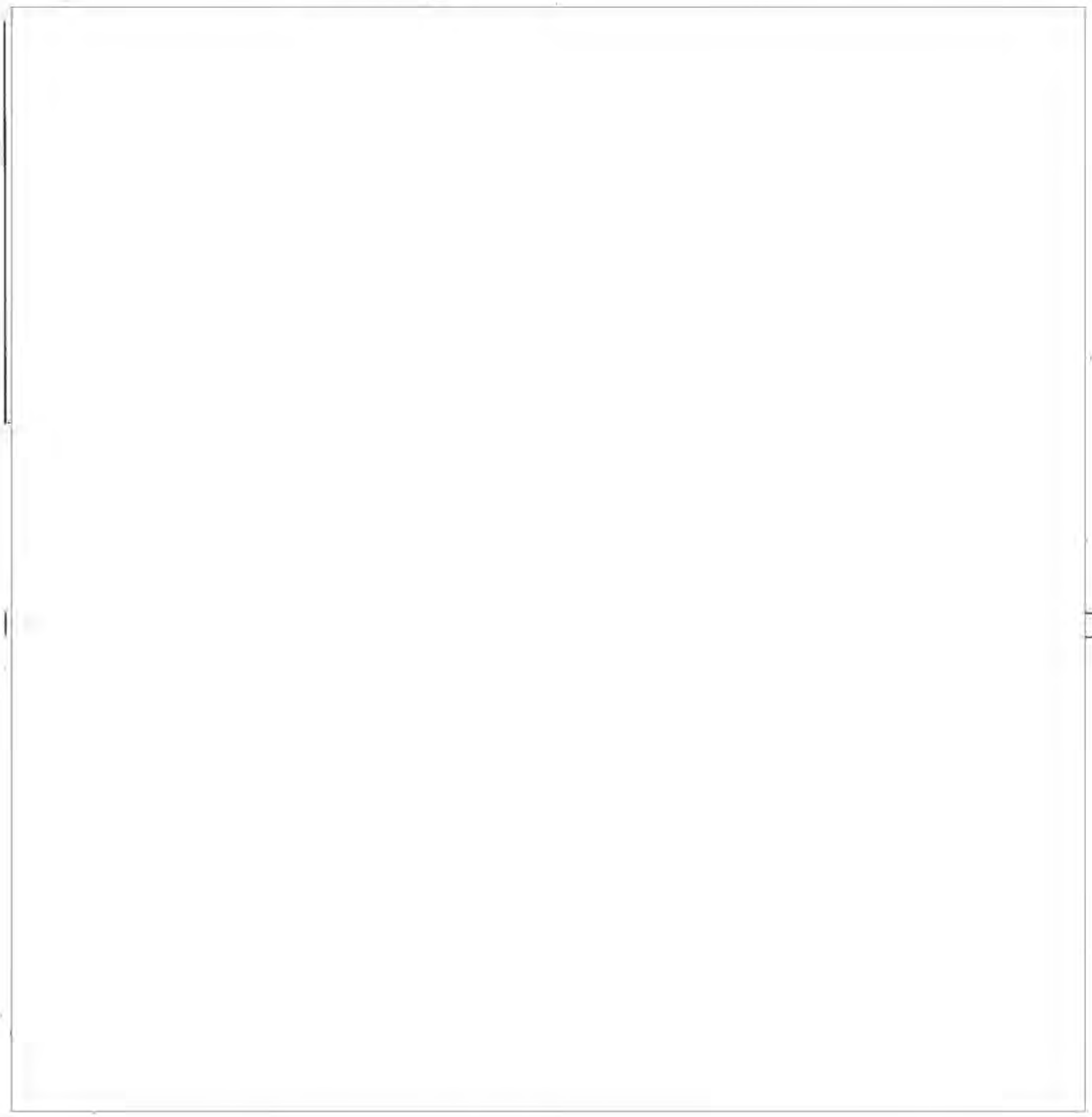
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Cleared: DRL/EAP: Susan O'Sullivan (ok)
DRL/EAP: Jenifer Neidhart de Ortiz (ok)

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:49 AM
To: McKay, Roland D
Subject: Heading in

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Good morning and Happy Fourth. Do you have the short straw for today? We should be in before 9. CoS expects an hour or two. Call me if any issue. Sorry. Blame the Norks.

Tad

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Hsieh, Audrey; McKay, Roland D
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Applegate, James D; Rebholz, Jason P
Subject: RE: S-Kishida Call Sheet

Thanks Audrey!

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From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:45 AM
To: McKay, Roland D <McKayRD@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>; Applegate, James D <ApplegateJD@state.gov>; Rebholz, Jason P <RebholzJP@state.gov>
Subject: FW: S-Kishida Call Sheet

Roland,

As discussed. Thanks!!

P has also cleared.

Cheers – Audrey

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From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 2:26 AM
To: EAP-Staffers Mailbox
Cc: Forsberg, Aaron P; Snider-Pugh, Saundra M; Zaring, Noah S; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: S-Kishida Call Sheet

EAP Staffers,

S is scheduled to have a phone call with Japanese FM Kishida between 09:30 and 10:30 this morning [redacted] B5 [redacted] To support this call, please find a draft call sheet attached. It has J Desk and K Desk clearances. Other offices were info'd. If these offices reply with substantive edits by 08:00, I will reply all with edits.

Kind Regards,

Audrey

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Hsieh, Audrey; McKay, Roland D
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Applegate, James D; Rebholz, Jason P
Subject: RE: S-Kishida Call Sheet

Can you correct the highlighted? thx

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From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:45 AM
To: McKay, Roland D <McKayRD@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>; Applegate, James D <ApplegateJD@state.gov>; Rebholz, Jason P <RebholzJP@state.gov>
Subject: FW: S-Kishida Call Sheet

Roland,

As discussed. Thanks!!

P has also cleared.

Cheers – Audrey

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From: Hsieh, Audrey
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 2:26 AM
To: EAP-Staffers Mailbox
Cc: Forsberg, Aaron P; Snider-Pugh, Saundra M; Zaring, Noah S; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: S-Kishida Call Sheet

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Audrey

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Operations Center
Cc: SES-O
Subject: RE: North Korea appeared to use China truck in its first claimed ICBM test (Reuters)

Thanks. I'm seeing some coverage of the Xi-Putin presser and a report of a joint Russia-Korea statement.

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From: Operations Center
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Cc: SES-O <SES-O@state.gov>
Subject: RE: North Korea appeared to use China truck in its first claimed ICBM test (Reuters)

Tad,

Please see our brief piece from this morning below as well as a news ticker we just released:

INTERNATIONAL REACTION TO DPRK MISSILE LAUNCH

- (U) Japan: PM Abe stated the "launch clearly shows that the threat has grown." Abe said he would encourage Chinese President Xi and Russian President Putin "to take more constructive measures" at the upcoming G20 Summit. ***(AFP)***
- (U) ROK: President Moon stated South Korea "will not tolerate DPRK provocation," and added the missile may have been an intercontinental ballistic missile. ***(Yonhap News Agency, Reuters)***
- (U) China: Foreign Ministry Spokesman Shuang called for restraint and defended China's "relentless efforts" to resolve the standoff. ***(AFP)***

Russia, China call for restraint on N. Korean missile tensions - Putin (Reuters)

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia and China have agreed on the need for a simultaneous freezing of North Korea's missile and nuclear programme and large-scale military exercises by the United States and South Korea, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday.

Putin made his comments after holding talks with visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping in the Kremlin.

North Korea said on Tuesday it had successfully test-launched an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) for the first time, which flew a trajectory that experts said could allow a weapon to hit the U.S. state of Alaska.

Best,

Neil Gundavda
Watch Officer
State Department Operations Center
202-647-1512

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From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Operations Center <OperationsCenter@state.gov>
Subject: FW: North Korea appeared to use China truck in its first claimed ICBM test (Reuters)

Have you seen anything about a PRC statement on this latest launch?

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:52 AM
To: NEWS-Mahogany <NEWS-Mahogany@state.gov>
Subject: North Korea appeared to use China truck in its first claimed ICBM test (Reuters)

SEOUL (Reuters) - North Korea appeared to use a Chinese truck originally sold for hauling timber to transport and erect a ballistic missile that was successfully launched on Tuesday, highlighting the challenge of enforcing sanctions to curb its weapons programme.

North Korea state television showed a large truck painted in military camouflage carrying the missile. It was identical to one a U.N. sanctions panel has said was "most likely" converted from a Chinese timber truck.

Since 2006, U.N. sanctions have banned the shipment of military hardware to North Korea. But control of equipment and vehicles that have "dual-use" military and civilian applications has been far less stringent.

The vehicle was imported from China and declared for civilian use by the North Korean foreign ministry, according to a 2013 report by the U.N. panel. Tuesday's launch was the first time the truck had been seen in a military field operation in pictures published in state media.

China, North Korea's largest trading partner and its sole major ally, is under increasing pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, who has said Chinese efforts to rein in North Korea's weapons programmes have failed.

The truck had been previously on display at military parades in 2012 and in 2013 carrying what experts said appeared to be developmental models or mock-ups of North Korea's intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Images on the North Korea's state television showed soldiers working on the vehicle mounted with a missile, which was then erected and off-loaded ahead of the launch at a hillside location. Leader Kim Jong Un supervised the test.

The transporter-erector-launcher (TEL) is a vehicle designed to move a ballistic missile and stand it upright, allowing for a mobile system that makes surveillance difficult for spy satellites.

In its 2013 report, the U.N. panel of experts said the features of the vehicle in the 2012 parade exactly matched those of a vehicle sold by China's Hubei Sanjiang Space Wanshan Special Vehicle Company.

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The company is a subsidiary of China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp, a state-owned company that makes the Shenzhou rocket as well as missiles.

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A company manager reached by telephone declined to comment citing the sensitivity of the issue.

China submitted to the U.N. panel a copy of the end user certificate provided by the North stating that six of the vehicles were being imported for the purpose of transporting timber.

The panel said it "considers it most likely that the (North) deliberately breached" the certificate and converted the trucks into transporter-erector-launchers.

This year, North Korea used another Chinese-made truck model to tow submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBM) at a military parade on the 105th anniversary of the birth of state founder Kim Il Sung.

Last year, state media published photos showing Chinese-made trucks being used in a new North Korean mobile rocket artillery system.

Both vehicles showed the logo or had markings specific to the Chinese company Sinotruk.

A Sinotruk sales official said in April he was not aware the company's trucks were used in the military parade.

North Korean state media has in the past released images of Sinotruk chassis and cabins related to construction or mining.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday, after the launch, it was opposed to North Korea contravening rules laid out in U.N. Security council resolutions. China was working hard to resolve the issue and urged all sides to meet each other half way, it added.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 9:49 AM
To: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: FW: Kishida Call Sheet
Attachments: 2017-07-04 Call Sheet S and Japan FM Kishida.docx

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Thanks. I made some edits to the Call Sheet to reflect the language S just used with RoK. The background page is the same as far as I can tell as the background at bottom of CS, so no need for both. Thanks, Tad

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From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: Kishida Call Sheet

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Biers, Dan L
Subject: Fwd: Draft S Statement on NK Launch

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>
Date: July 4, 2017 at 8:45:29 AM EDT
To: "Peterlin, Margaret JA" <PeterlinMJA@state.gov>, "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>
Cc: "Thornton, Susan A" <ThorntonSA@state.gov>, "Williams, Meredith B" <WilliamsMB@state.gov>
Subject: Draft S Statement on NK Launch

STATEMENT FROM US SECRETARY OF STATE REX W TILLERSON

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S
Subject: Daily Briefing Book TOC 07052017
Attachments: Daily Briefing Book TOC 07052017.docx

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

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From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Peterlin, Margaret JA
Subject: What we've done to prep so far
Attachments: 2017-07-04 Call Sheet S and Japan FM Kishida Final.docx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I'm trying to stay disciplined but also helpful. Here are the actions I've taken:

Munir and I have built DPRK Response books, where we are collecting (a) USG and other government analysis, (b) press/open source info, and (c) call sheets to try and have materials in one place.

The Kishida call sheet is attached. I updated EAP's language with some of the S verbiage from the earlier call.

I've asked EAP to identify who is available, given the holiday. Thornton is out of town but said she could fly back this afternoon if needed. Yun is on his way back [redacted] and will be in DC later this afternoon. Korea desk Director Mark Lambert is in DC and will be in office later this morning. B6

I asked Ops to flag any statements from third countries, particularly with regard to UN action or next steps.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S
Cc: Piazza, Lucia C
Subject: Re: Good morning and FYI on this morning

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Sounds good and let us know if you need a hand.

On Jul 4, 2017, at 10:10, Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov> wrote:

> Munir, Emily, and I are up and running here. S and CoS are on their way in, though being delayed by a series of secure calls. I've asked Munir to chase down the staffing for EAP so we know who is available. Susan is on AL but not clear if she's in DC and who is able to lead on DPRK stuff in the meantime. CoS had predicted an hour or two of work, but I imagine it will be longer, given how the morning has gone so far.
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Madyun, Munir D
Subject: FW: Daily Briefing Book TOC 07052017
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Here's the one I did. Thanks, Tad

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From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Subject: Daily Briefing Book TOC 07052017

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 1:40 PM
To: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: FW: Kishida Call Sheet
Attachments: 2017-07-04 Call Sheet S and Japan FM Kishida Final.docx; Kishida Background.docx

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From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 10:33 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Subject: Kishida Call Sheet

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Biers, Dan L
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Wautlet, Michael J
Cc: Hsieh, Audrey; EUR-RUS-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Lee, David Y; Cartin, Joshua M; D EAP Duty Officer; Lambert, Mark B; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EUR-RUS-POL-DL; EUR-StaffAssistants
Subject: Re: FOR FLASH Clearance_S Call Sheets with Russian FM and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi

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Clear for s/p

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 4, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Wautlet, Michael J <WautletMJ@state.gov> wrote:

> The Russia call sheet should go through the EUR Front Office. I will work on some additional points.
>
> Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.
>
> **From:** Hsieh, Audrey
> **Sent:** Tuesday, July 4, 2017 11:05 AM
> **To:** EUR-RUS-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Lee, David Y; Biers, Dan L; Cartin, Joshua M; D EAP Duty Officer
> **Cc:** Lambert, Mark B; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL; EAP-Staffers Mailbox
> **Subject:** FOR FLASH Clearance_S Call Sheets with Russian FM and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi
>
> Colleagues,
>
> Happy 4th of July!
>
> Please find for your immediate clearance call sheets to support two calls between S and Russian FM Lavrov and S and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi.
>
> Kindly request your clearance on the attached by 11:30 AM **today.** Feel free to call me at: 202-647-0176 with questions and/or comments.
>
> Regards,
>
> Audrey Hsieh
> DPRK Desk Officer
> 202-647-0176
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 3:10 PM
To: McKay, Roland D; Wang, Mimi
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: RE: dprk demarche cable

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Thanks. We will keep you in the loop as this moves forward tomorrow. Our goal will be to send by COB.

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From: McKay, Roland D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Wang, Mimi; Applegate, James D
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: dprk demarche cable

The urgency has passed on getting FO-cleared draft, S started the mtg – no worries.

Roland McKay
Special Assistant
Office of the Secretary

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Press Points for DPRK ICBM Launch

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Turner, Julie E (DRL)
Subject: FW: JEN READ: Hand-off notes

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Julie, thank you so so much for covering for me on Monday. [redacted] I hope it didn't back you up too much. B6

Craziness on the DPRK front!

From: D WHA Duty Officer4
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 5:53 PM
To: Neidhart de Ortiz, Jenifer L <NeidhartJL@state.gov>
Subject: JEN READ: Hand-off notes

Jen:

I left you some hand-off notes on the high side. I'm not sure why I drafted them on that system (oh, because Greg's staff meeting notes were on that system.) It's there for your review on Wednesday morning. Feel free to call if you have any questions, though.

Thanks! Hope you had a great holiday!

Julie

Julie Turner
Acting Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary
(202) 647-6237
DDutyOfficer4@state.gov

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Roskam, Gracey; Haley, Nikki
Cc: Dewees, Leslie A.
Subject: Re: [redacted] B5

Decline

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Roskam, Gracey
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:20 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Cc: Dewees, Leslie A.
Subject: [redacted] B5

NH- i wanted to flag one invite for tomorrow morning [redacted] B5

[redacted]

Please advise. Thanks, GR

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:06 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M; Smith, Austin M; Wachtel, Jonathan B.; Chaney Adams [redacted]; Lee, David Y; Tachco, Amy N B6
Subject: FW: [redacted] B5

Statement coming from Sec. State.

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From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:03 PM
To: Lerner, Jon S
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] B5

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC" [redacted] B6
Date: July 4, 2017 at 5:57:34 PM EDT
To: "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>, "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>
Cc: "Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC" [redacted], "Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC" B6
[redacted] B6
Subject: [redacted] B5

STATEMENT FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE REX W. TILLERSON

The United States strongly condemns North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. Testing an ICBM represents a new escalation of the threat to the U.S., our allies and partners, the region, and the world.

Global action is required to stop a global threat. Any country that hosts North Korean guest workers, provides any economic or military benefits, or fails to fully implement UN Security Council resolutions is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime. All nations should publicly demonstrate to North Korea that there are consequences to their pursuit of nuclear weapons. We intend to bring North Korea's provocative action before the UN Security Council and enact stronger measures to hold the DPRK accountable.

The United States seeks only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the end of threatening actions by North Korea. As we, along with others, have made clear, we will never accept a nuclear-armed North Korea.

The President and his national security team are continuing to assess the situation in close coordination with our allies and partners.

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Cc: Glaccum, David M
Subject: RE: For Review: Press release on DPRK UNSC

Ok. Should be out the door quickly.

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From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:39 PM
To: Lerner, Jon S
Cc: Glaccum, David M
Subject: Re: For Review: Press release on DPRK UNSC

Agreed

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 6:37 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Cc: Glaccum, David M
Subject: FW: For Review: Press release on DPRK UNSC

See draft statement below, and my suggested change.

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From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:37 PM
To: Green, Mackenzie L
Cc: Chaney Adams [redacted]; Glaccum, David M; Wachtel, Jonathan B. B6
Subject: RE: For Review: Press release on DPRK UNSC

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Other than that, it's good.

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From: Green, Mackenzie L
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:34 PM
To: Lerner, Jon S

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Cc: Chaney Adams ([redacted] Glaccum, David M; Wachtel, Jonathan B. B6
Subject: For Review: Press release on DPRK UNSC

Hi Jon,

Here's where we're at with a press statement. More than happy to adjust as needed. With your sign-off, we'll blast wide.

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Green, Mackenzie L
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:32 PM
To: USUN-DPRKNews-DL
Subject: Secretary's Remarks: Statement by Secretary Tillerson

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Secretary's Remarks: Statement by Secretary Tillerson

07/04/2017 06:25 PM EDT

Press Statement
Rex W. Tillerson
Secretary of State
Washington, DC
July 4, 2017

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Wagner, Amanda
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 10:10 AM
To: USUN-DPRKNews-DL; USUN-Breakingnews
Subject: Joint Statement from the United States of America, Republic of Korea, and Japan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 7, 2017

Joint Statement from the United States of America, Republic of Korea, and Japan

President Donald J. Trump, President Moon Jae-in, and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met in Hamburg, Germany, on July 6 to discuss the serious and escalating threat posed by the nuclear and ballistic missile programs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). The three leaders condemned the DPRK's unprecedented launch, on July 4, of a ballistic missile with intercontinental range, a major escalation that directly violates multiple United Nation's Security Council (UNSC) resolutions and that clearly demonstrates the growing threat the DPRK poses to the United States, the Republic of Korea (ROK), and Japan, as well as other countries around the world. The leaders affirmed the importance of working together to counter the DPRK threat and to achieve the complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner, a shared goal among the three countries. They also committed to continue to cooperate to apply maximum pressure on the DPRK to change its path, refrain from provocative and threatening actions, and take steps necessary to return to serious denuclearization dialogue. The three leaders emphasized that they, together with the rest of the international community, stand ready to offer a brighter future for the DPRK if it chooses the right path. The United States, the ROK, and Japan will never accept a nuclear armed DPRK.

President Trump, President Moon, and Prime Minister Abe decided to press for the early adoption of a new UNSC resolution with additional sanctions to demonstrate to the DPRK that there are serious consequences for its destabilizing, provocative, and escalatory actions. They called on the international community to swiftly and fully implement all UNSC resolutions and to take measures to reduce economic relations with the DPRK. The three leaders also called on the nations that border the DPRK to make further efforts to convince the DPRK regime to abandon its current threatening and provocative path and immediately take steps to denuclearize and to halt its ballistic missile program.

The three leaders underscored their commitment to further strengthen their respective alliances and to ensure they continue to increase their capabilities to deter and respond to any attack from the DPRK. They committed to continue advancing trilateral security cooperation in the face of the threat posed by the DPRK. President Trump reaffirmed the ironclad commitment of the United

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States to defend the ROK and Japan using the full range of its conventional and nuclear capabilities.

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: USUN, PRESS
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 1:08 PM
To: USUN, PRESS
Subject: Joint Press Statement from the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the United States, United Kingdom, and France Following the Adoption of a Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons

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Office of Press and Public Diplomacy

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 7, 2017

Joint Press Statement from the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the United States, United Kingdom, and France Following the Adoption of a Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons

France, the United Kingdom and the United States have not taken part in the negotiation of the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons. We do not intend to sign, ratify or ever become party to it. Therefore, there will be no change in the legal obligations on our countries with respect to nuclear weapons. For example, we would not accept any claim that this treaty reflects or in any way contributes to the development of customary international law. Importantly, other states possessing nuclear weapons and almost all other states relying on nuclear deterrence have also not taken part in the negotiations.

This initiative clearly disregards the realities of the international security environment. Accession to the ban Treaty is incompatible with the policy of nuclear deterrence, which has been essential to keeping the peace in Europe and North Asia for over 70 years. A purported ban on nuclear weapons that does not address the security concerns that continue to make nuclear deterrence necessary cannot result in the elimination of a single nuclear weapon and will not enhance any country's security, nor international peace and security. It will do the exact opposite by creating even more divisions at a time when the world needs to remain united in the face of growing threats, including those from the DPRK's ongoing proliferation efforts. This treaty offers no solution to the grave threat posed by North Korea's nuclear program, nor does it address other security challenges that make nuclear deterrence necessary. A ban treaty also risks undermining the existing international security architecture which contributes to the maintenance of international peace and security.

We reiterate in this regard our continued commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and reaffirm our determination to safeguard and further promote its authority, universality and effectiveness. Working towards the shared goal of nuclear disarmament and general and complete disarmament must be done in a way that promotes international peace and security, and strategic stability, based on the principle of increased and undiminished security for all.

We all share a common responsibility to protect and strengthen our collective security system in order to further promote international peace, stability and security.

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Wagner, Amanda
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 4:54 PM
To: USUN-DPRKNews-DL; USUN-AfricaNews-DL
Subject: WaPo/ NH/ North Korea's surprising, lucrative relationship with Africa

North Korea's surprising, lucrative relationship with Africa
July 10, 2017
Washington Post
By Kevin Sieff

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WINDHOEK, Namibia — Near the southern tip of Africa, 8,000 miles from Pyongyang, this capital city is an unlikely testament to North Korean industry.

There's the futuristic national history museum, the sleek presidential palace, the sprawling defense headquarters and the shadowy munitions factory. They were built — or are still being constructed — by North Korea, for a profit.

For years, North Korea has used African nations like this one as financial lifelines, building infrastructure and selling weapons and other military equipment as sanctions mounted against its authoritarian regime. Although China is by far North Korea's largest trading partner, the smaller African revenue streams have helped support the impoverished Hermit Kingdom, even as its leaders develop an ambitious nuclear-weapons program in defiance of the international community.

Those ambitions led last week to the launch of the country's first intercontinental ballistic missile. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson subsequently warned that any nation with military or economic ties to North Korea "is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime," and the Trump administration threatened a cutoff in trade with countries that were doing business with the pariah nation.

But Namibian officials describe a different North Korea — a longtime ally, a partner in development and an affordable contractor. Since the 1960s, when North Korea began providing support for African nations during their independence struggles with European colonial powers, the regime has fostered political ties on the continent that have turned into commercial relationships.

"We've relied on them for help to develop our infrastructure, and their work has been unparalleled," said Frans Kapofi, Namibia's minister of presidential affairs.

Across Africa, such relationships have been common.

A United Nations investigation this year described North Korean military radio equipment headed to Eritrea, automatic weapons arriving in Congo and military trainers landing in Angola and Uganda.

"The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is flouting sanctions through trade in prohibited goods, with evasion techniques that are increasing in scale, scope and sophistication," the report said. It went on to describe how "the country also uses its construction companies that are active in Africa to build arms-related, military and security facilities."

North Korea's commercial relationships are only one sign of the surprisingly close ties many African leaders have with the secretive, highly repressive Asian country.

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Yoweri Museveni, Uganda's longtime president, said he learned basic Korean from Kim Il Sung, the former leader of North Korea and grandfather of current leader Kim Jong Un, during various visits to that country. Zimbabwean leader Robert Mugabe sent two rhinos to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, as a show of solidarity in the 1980s (both died shortly after arriving). In Maputo, Mozambique's capital, the street "Avenida Kim Il Sung" runs through the heart of downtown. In Namibia's national museum, a black-and-white picture of a North Korean soldier leading a group of local soldiers hangs in the foyer.

"Our world outlook was determined by who was on our side during the most crucial time of our struggle, and North Korea was there for us," said Tuliameni Kalomoh, a senior adviser in the Namibian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the country's former ambassador to Washington.

In recent years, African countries have struggled to maintain their ties to North Korea without alienating the United States, the largest aid donor on the continent, or publicly violating U.N. sanctions aimed at curbing the country's nuclear-weapons program. In measures going back a decade, the United Nations has barred countries from contracting with North Korea for military training or services or arms manufacturing.

"Pyongyang's ties to Africa allow it to show it still has friends abroad and benefit from their political support. They also represent a source of revenue, new entry points into the international financial system, and a haven in which to base North Korean representatives and front companies," said Andrea Berger, a North Korea expert at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

The Namibian government has spent about $100 million on North Korean projects since 2002, according to officials here — a sum that goes a long way in an Asian nation where per capita income is about $1,000 per year. But in comparison, China imports about $3 billion in North Korean goods per year.

Last year, the United Nations said that Namibia had violated U.N. sanctions by maintaining its commercial ties to North Korea.

Among other activities, Namibia had contracted with a North Korean company called Mansudae Overseas Projects to construct a munitions factory as well as a new military academy. A company with links to Mansudae, called the Korea Mining Development Trading Corporation (known as KOMID) also worked on the munitions factory, according to the U.N. report. The U.S. Treasury Department last year called KOMID North Korea's "primary arms dealer" and sanctioned two North Korean officials based in Windhoek. The department also sanctioned Mansudae, calling it one of a number of companies that sent workers abroad in part to earn money for the government or ruling party.

After being accused of violating sanctions, Namibian officials pledged to cut commercial ties with North Korea, which is formally known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK. The Namibian government said in a statement in 2016 that it "remains committed to the implementation of all U.N. sanctions resolutions," but added that "the warm diplomatic relations with the DPRK will be maintained."

Over a year later, it appears that North Korean guest workers are still laboring on Namibia's new Ministry of Defense, a large concrete building just outside of Windhoek's city center, according to several residents who live nearby.

"We see them every day or two," said one resident who spoke on condition of anonymity because he didn't want to be seen as criticizing the government. "They never left."

In interviews, government officials said they were hoping to complete the current projects before expelling the workers — even though allowing the North Korean contractors to linger would likely be a violation of U.N. sanctions if they are still affiliated with KOMID.

"We are definitely towards the end of phasing them out," said Kapofi, who added that he could not confirm the presence of the guest workers at the defense ministry.

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Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, recently warned that the United States might cut off trade with countries that were violating U.N. sanctions by doing business with North Korea.

Namibia did $469 million of trade with the United States in 2013, the most recent figures released by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. The U.S. government also contributes to Namibian health-care initiatives, particularly related to HIV/AIDS.

"As a part of our maximum pressure campaign, we are committed to ensuring that DPRK's arms-related exports, assistance, training, and support activities are terminated, including in Africa," said State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert, in response to a question about Namibia's ties with North Korea.

Other African countries were also supposed to end their economic and military relationships with North Korea after the U.N. sanctions were imposed. But it remains unclear whether some have done so.

U.N. member states are obliged to issue reports describing their efforts to enforce sanctions. But the U.N. panel of experts report in 2016 noted "an extremely high number of non-reporting and late-reporting States" and the "poor quality and lack of detail of the reports received."

Some African nations have appeared to distance themselves from North Korea. After photos appeared showing North Korean military trainers wearing Ugandan military uniforms last year, Uganda's foreign minister, Sam Kutesa, said on state television, "We are disengaging the cooperation we are having with North Korea, as a result of U.N. sanctions."

In Dakar, Senegal's capital, a soaring, North Korea-built statue — larger than the Statue of Liberty — rises from a hilltop, depicting a man holding a baby in one arm and embracing a woman with the other. When the statue was unveiled, it angered many people in the Muslim-majority nation, as the woman was scarcely clad. Other North Korean statues, mostly of African revolutionary leaders, were sold to Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Benin and Congo. U.N. sanctions introduced in 2016 barred countries from buying any more such statues.

One of the biggest projects is the war memorial outside of Windhoek, where a towering bronze statue of an unknown soldier carrying a rifle stands in front of a slim obelisk. On a recent sunny afternoon, there were no visitors at the park, and one guard slept on the steps.

But from the top of the monument, the view was clear: the city and the rolling hills in the distance, and in the foreground a North Korean-built military base.

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

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Ambassador,

Ahead of your Hill testimony this week, the UN Foundation and the Better World Campaign are organizing a digital campaign calling for full UN funding. I've shared a write-up of a Facebook Live interview with Better World Campaign President Peter Yeo, as well as other relevant social media posts, and a UN Foundation blog post. I will monitor this coverage throughout your testimony and keep you updated.

United Nations Foundation Facebook:

The UN Foundation posted an interview with The Better World Campaign President Peter Yeo on their Facebook page. In the interview, he described why this is a big week for the UN on Capitol Hill, previewing your testimony and Secretary-General Guterres's visit. He said the Congress has indicated they plan to "fund foreign affairs issues at a higher level than proposed by the president." He called this a "crucial time to be trying to influence the appropriations committee. That's why the Secretary-General's on the Hill. That's why Nikki Haley's on the Hill." He mentions your popularity among both parties as key for making the case for full UN funding.

The interviewer asked what questions to expect during your hearings. Yeo said Members of Congress are most likely to ask "those questions that are ripped from the headlines." He mentions Syria, North Korea, humanitarian crises, and Russia as topics that could dominate the hearings. He also mentioned Israel's role in the UN, famine, refugees, and peacekeeping.

Yeo also described "next steps," including the final determination of available funds. He suggests funding levels will likely be similar to last year's and calls the President's suggested funding level "draconian."

When asked what advocates can do to support full UN funding, Yeo urges constituents to email their representatives, request meetings during the August recess, and to tweet at you and @USUN. He said, "We know that she's active on Twitter," and calls it a great way to reach you directly. For this reason, you'll likely see a lot of passionate UN advocates in your mentions in the coming days! Video of the full interview is available here:
https://www.facebook.com/unitednationsfoundation/videos/10155660337550934/

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5 Things to Expect from Ambassador Haley's First Budget Hearings on Capitol Hill
June 26, 2017
United Nations Foundation Blog
By Peter Yeo

It's going to be a blockbuster week on Capitol Hill for the U.S.-UN partnership with U.S. Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on the proposed funding levels for the UN in 2018 on July 27 and 28. This will be Ambassador Haley's first public appearance on Capitol Hill since her confirmation hearing.

Over the past six months, Ambassador Haley has formed a close working relationship with UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and together, they are a determined force to advance UN reform. However, her important agenda could face an uphill climb should the U.S. fall short on paying its bills to the organization.

These unfortunate circumstances aren't too far off from becoming a reality. As you may remember, the Administration's budget request, which was submitted to Congress last month, called for deep cuts to a number of UN-related accounts, including UN Peacekeeping, UN Women, the UN Development Program (UNDP), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and even the UN's Children Fund (UNICEF).

When the Administration's budget was released, Ambassador Haley stated that the proposal was just "starting the conversation. ... It doesn't mean that's where it will end up." She later added that the proposal was "going through the budget process within Congress."

As she correctly stated, the power of the purse does sit on Capitol Hill. Therefore, Haley's testimony this week will be one of the most important deciding factors in the UN's budget for the next year.
Below are five top questions we can expect Members of Congress to ask Ambassador Haley in the upcoming budget hearings:

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1. Can the U.S. truly maintain its commitment to lead an aggressive reform agenda at the UN alongside Secretary-General Guterres if we fail to meet our financial obligations to the organization?

2. Republicans and Democrats, including a range of former U.S. ambassadors to the UN, have been united in calling the UN an indispensable organization and stressing that cutting our contributions would be counter-productive to our own interests. What are your views on this?

3. Secretary of State Tillerson and President Trump have frequently mentioned the need for other countries to pay their fair share in international organizations. The UN budgetary system is already set up to ensure countries step up, not stand by. Are you concerned that the cuts outlined in the budget may lead other countries to reduce their own share?

4. U.S. military leaders agree that UN Peacekeeping missions are cost-effective and vital to U.S. national security interests, however, the proposed budget cuts peacekeeping by 37%. Do you think that the proposed cuts are productive to the U.S. mission's ongoing review of existing UN Peacekeeping missions?

5. We are currently facing the largest refugee crisis since World War II and four looming famines. Amid the proposed budget cuts to a variety of UN agencies, what steps is the U.S. planning to take to remain a leader in humanitarian assistance around the world?

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Ambassador:

In case you haven't seen, Speaker Ryan put out this statement following your meeting yesterday.

WASHINGTON—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) issued the following statement after meeting with UN Ambassador Nikki Haley:

"It was great to see my good friend Nikki Haley this afternoon. Ambassador Haley has already taken significant steps to restore sanity to the United Nations. We discussed her efforts to counter Russian aggression, combat the delegitimization of Israel, and confront the threats posed by North Korea. I also thanked Ambassador Haley for being a strong voice for American values by promoting human rights and democracy abroad. Together with President Trump, we will restore America as a leading force for good."

Best,
Maggie

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North Korea at the top of agenda as South Korea's new president comes to D.C.
June 27, 2017
Washington Post
By Anna Fifield

When South Korea's new president comes to the United States this week for his first meeting with President Trump, there will be no cozy dinners at Mar-a-Lago or rounds of golf in the Florida sunshine.

Instead, Moon Jae-in will be going to the White House for what is shaping up to be a challenging summit, with the leaders taking sharply different approaches to dealing with North Korea and a continuing disagreement over an American antimissile system deployed to South Korea.

"The summit should really be about drawing the big picture, but instead they will be focusing on areas of potential friction," said James Kim, a specialist in U.S.-South Korea relations at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul. "A lot will hinge on how the two leaders get along and the chemistry between them."

Moon, a liberal who was elected president in a landslide in May following the impeachment of conservative Park Geun-hye amid a bribery scandal, has been doing his best to appear conciliatory in the lead-up to the summit.

"President Trump and I have a common goal — that is the complete dismantlement of North Korea's nuclear program and the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula," he told The Washington Post's Lally Weymouth in an interview last week. "I hope we will be able to show the world that the collaboration between our two countries is strong and will continue to grow stronger."

But his message was muddied when one of his top advisers delivered a very different message in Washington.

If North Korea suspends its nuclear and missile activities, then Moon would ask the United States to scale back its joint military exercises with South Korea, Moon Chung-in, the president's special adviser for unification, foreign and security affairs, said at the Wilson Center.

"I think what he has in mind is, you know, we may scale down deployment of American strategic weapons over the Korean Peninsula," the adviser said.

South Korea's presidential Blue House has been trying to distance itself from the remarks, saying this was one of a range of options. But the remarks have fueled Washington's worst fears about the Moon administration, said Kim of the Asan Institute.

Moon is a proponent of the "sunshine policy" of engagement with North Korea, named after the Aesop fable in which the wind and the sun compete to make a traveler take off his coat. The sun gently warms the traveler and succeeds, the moral of the fable being that gentle persuasion works better than force.

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The policy was championed by former president Kim Dae-jung and continued by fellow progressive Roh Moo-hyun, whom Moon served as chief of staff.

Kim's 2001 summit with President George W. Bush was widely considered a disaster, not least because of their sharply divergent views on dealing with North Korea. Kim had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize the year before for holding the first inter-Korean summit — with then-leader Kim Jong Il — but Bush criticized this approach during their summit, rejecting any prospect of returning to talks with the North Korean regime.

Moon has been espousing cooperation and engagement with North Korea, saying on the 17th anniversary of the inter-Korean summit this month that he was prepared to talk to Pyongyang if it stopped its nuclear tests and missile launches, but without other conditions.

On Saturday, Moon suggested there should be a unified Korean team for the Winter Olympics due to be held in South Korea next year. He also wants to reopen an inter-Korean industrial park where North Koreans work in Southern-owned factories on their northern side of the border — even if it would violate international sanctions.

Although Trump has talked about meeting Kim Jong Un, the leader of North Korea, his administration has espoused a policy of "maximum pressure" on Pyongyang to make it give up its nuclear weapons program. It has been imposing new sanctions on North Korean leaders and warning that military action is one option for reining in the regime.

This pressure is likely only to increase with the death last week of Otto Warmbier, an Ohio man who was detained in North Korea for 17 months, 15 of which he spent in a coma.

The other key issue for the summit will be the Terminal High Altitude Air Defense system, or THAAD, which the Park administration agreed to deploy in South Korea to help guard against the North Korean threat. With Moon campaigning on a platform to review that agreement, the U.S. military rushed to get the radar system and two launchers in place before he was elected.

Since his election, Moon has expressed shock that four more launchers were brought to South Korea without his knowledge — even though a full antimissile battery comprises six launchers — and has ordered the deployment to be suspended while his government carries out an environmental review.

The system remains highly controversial in Seongju, the southern area where it is deployed.

"THAAD has turned our tranquil village upside down," said Do Geum-nyon, an 81-year-old woman who was protesting last week. "I can't focus on my farming because I also have to come out to keep watch over the Americans," she told Yonhap News Agency.

The United States considers the deal an issue at the heart of the two countries' 70-year-old military alliance, and analysts are warning of severe damage to relations if the Moon administration reverses the decision to deploy a missile battery aimed at keeping South Korea — as well as the United States and Japan, its other ally in the region — safe.

The Trump administration has not yet nominated, let alone appointed, an ambassador to South Korea, although Victor Cha, who served on the National Security Council during the Bush administration, is thought to be the front-runner for the post.

In many ways, the fact that a summit can take place at all is progress.

South Korea was in a state of limbo for about six months while Park was impeached, and South Koreans watched uncomfortably as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and then Chinese President Xi Jinping went to Trump's Florida resort for cordial dinners with the American president. Abe even took to the golf course with Trump.

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South Koreans felt aggrieved this year when Trump called Xi and Abe — but not their acting president — over one of North Korea's provocations.
Now, despite their political and policy differences, much will depend on how Trump, who places a premium on personal rapport, and Moon get along.

With this in mind, the Moon administration has sent emissaries to Washington to learn how Abe got into Trump's good graces and to discover the pitfalls he needs to avoid.

"They know if Trump thinks you're a good guy he will listen to you, but if he thinks you're a bad guy, there's no argument you can make to win him over," said one Washington think tank expert who was consulted by Hong Seok-hyun, Moon's special envoy to the United States. "They want Moon to make a good first impression and get off on the right foot with him."

One of Moon's aides has suggested that the pair will get along well. "Trump doesn't like flamboyant characters like himself," he said on the condition of anonymity to discuss his boss. "They are yin and yang."

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North Korea calls for execution of ex-South Korea leader over 'assassination' plot: KCNA
June 28, 2017
Reuters

North Korea said on Wednesday it has issued a standing order for the execution of former South Korean President Park Geun-hye and her spy chief for a plot to assassinate its leader.

The North's official KCNA said "revelation showed" Park had masterminded a plot to execute its "supreme leadership" in 2015 and it was imposing the "death penalty on traitor Park Geun-hye".

KCNA did not disclose the source of the revelation but a Japanese newspaper reported this week that Park in 2015 approved a plan to overturn the North Korean regime of leader Kim Jong Un.

Park was ousted in March over a corruption scandal and is in detention while on trial.
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North Korea warns US it will keep building nuclear arsenal
June 28, 2017
Associated Press

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North Korea's U.N. ambassador is warning the United States and the rest of the world that his country will keep building up its nuclear arsenal regardless of sanctions, pressure or military attack.

Kim In Ryong told the Security Council on Wednesday that the "hostile policy" of the United States and its military maneuvers with South Korea in April and May are responsible for bringing the situation on the Korean Peninsula closer to the brink of nuclear war than ever before.

Since then, he said, the U.S. has sent an anti-missile system to South Korea and nuclear bombers and imposed new U.S. sanctions and spearheaded another U.N. sanctions resolution against Pyongyang. Kim said none of these measures will stop North Korea's nuclear buildup, which he said is key to its existence.

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U.S. Sanctions Two Chinese Men, Shipping Firm, Over North Korea Ties
June 29, 2017
New York Times

The U.S. Treasury Department said on Thursday it was placing financial sanctions on two Chinese nationals and a Chinese shipping company over their ties to North Korea stemming from its nuclear program.

The department said in a statement it was sanctioning Wei Sun for links to the Foreign Trade Bank of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Hong Ri Li for his links to North Korean banking executive Song-hyok Ri, as well as the Dalian Global Unity Shipping Co Ltd of Dalian, China.

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China "outraged" by $1.42 bln planned U.S. arms sales to Taiwan
June 30, 2017
Reuters

China urged the United States to revoke immediately its "wrong decision" to sell Taiwan $1.42 billion worth of arms, saying it contradicted a "consensus" President Xi Jinping reached with his counterpart, Donald Trump, in talks in April in Florida.

The sale would send a very strong message to "Taiwan independence" forces, China's embassy in Washington said in a statement after a U.S. State Department spokeswoman said on Thursday the administration had told Congress of seven proposed sales to Taiwan, the first under the Trump administration. .

"The Chinese government and Chinese people have every right to be outraged," the embassy said.

China regards self-ruled Taiwan as a renegade province and has never renounced the use of force to bring it back under its control. China's Nationalists fled to the island after losing a civil war with China's Communists in 1949.

The United States is the sole arms supplier to Taiwan.

"The wrong move of the U.S. side runs counter to the consensus reached by the two presidents in and the positive development momentum of the China-U.S. relationship," the embassy said.

Trump was critical of China during his successful 2016 presidential campaign but his meeting at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida with Xi raised hopes for warmer relations.

Trump later played up his personal relationship with Xi, calling him a "good man," and stressed the need for China's help in reining in a defiant North Korea's development of nuclear weapons and missiles.

China's anger over the U.S. plan to supply Taiwan with weapons risks undermining Trump's attempts to press China to help on North Korea.

The proposed U.S. package for Taiwan includes technical support for early warning radar, high speed anti-radiation missiles, torpedoes and missile components.

Beijing's relationship with Taiwan has been frosty since President Tsai Ing-wen took power in Taipei last year. Tsai leads an independence-leaning party that refuses to recognize Beijing's "one China" policy.

Tsai's office said on Friday the sale increased Taiwan's confidence and ability to maintain peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

Asked about the sale at an event on Thursday evening in Washington, China's Ambassador Cui Tiankai said the United States was "incorrigible" when it came to Taiwan, the official Chinese Communist Party People's Daily newspaper reported on its website.

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"But we should still continue to instruct (them) and continue advancing on the right track of China-U.S. relations because this is what truly fits with for both countries' long term interests," the paper quoted Cui as saying.

The sale, which requires congressional approval, would be the first since a $1.83 billion sale that former President Barack Obama announced in December 2015, to China's dismay.

The previous package included two navy frigates in addition to anti-tank missiles and amphibious attack vehicles.
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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP AND PRESIDENT MOON OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BEFORE BILATERAL MEETING

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10:21 A.M. EDT

PRESIDENT TRUMP: I want to thank the President of South Korea, President Moon, for being here. We had a great afternoon yesterday. We had fantastic dinner at the White House -- accomplished a lot, having to do with our thoughts on North Korea and, very much, our thoughts on trade.

We are renegotiating a trade deal right now as we speak with South Korea, and hopefully it will be an equitable deal -- it will be a fair deal to both parties. It's been a rough deal for the United States, but I think that it will be much different and it will be good for both parties. So we're in the process of doing that.

We're also in the process of discussing our, frankly, many options -- and we have many options -- with respect to North Korea.

Thank you very much. President.

The President will speak.

PRESIDENT MOON: (As interpreted.) I would like to thank President Trump once again for inviting me to the White House and for his warm welcome. When I won the election last month, President Trump was the first among all foreign leaders to call me to congratulate me. I believe that was to reconfirm the strength of the Korea-U.S. alliance and also President Trump's warm message to the Korean people who had been suffering through political turmoil.

Last night, at the dinner with President Trump, we discussed various issues through a diverse scope and very honest discussions on issues to include the North Korean nuclear issue and other issues of mutual interest. It was a great opportunity for us to further the trust and friendship between me and President Trump. It was also an opportunity for us to reconfirm the fact that the United States and Korea are walking together on the same path towards a great alliance.

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So I hope that through this summit meeting today, I hope that our relationship can further develop into a more meaningful and fruitful relationship.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT TRUMP: What many people don't know is that South Korea is a major trading partner with the United States and we want something that's going to be good for the American worker. And I think we'll be able to do that today, and I think we'll be able to do many other things. So the relationship is very, very strong, and our personal relationship with President Moon -- our personal relationship is very, very good.

Thank you very much, everybody. Thank you.

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From:	Haley, Nikki
Sent:	Saturday, July 08, 2017 2:19 PM
To:	Dougherty, Margaret R
Cc:	Lerner, Jon S; Dewees, Leslie A.
Subject:	Re: For approval: Congressional Update

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Cc: Lerner, Jon S; Dewees, Leslie A.
Subject: For approval: Congressional Update

Ambassador,

Please see this week's update for Congress. Jon has approved. Please let me know if you have any edits/questions!

Have a great weekend!

Best,
Maggie

UN Update

On July 5th, Ambassador Nikki Haley made remarks at an Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on Nonproliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea:

"Yesterday's act came from the same vicious dictator who sent a young college student back home to his parents, unresponsive and in a coma. For Americans, the true nature of the North Korean regime was painfully brought home with the images of two guards holding Otto Warmbier up as they transported him from a prison he should never have been in. Otto Warmbier is but one person out of millions who have been killed, tortured, or deprived of their human rights by the North Korean regime."

On June 5th, Ambassador Nikki Haley gave a Response at an Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on Nonproliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea:

"I first wanted to tell my Russian friends that not only has the Secretary-General said this was an ICBM, and the U.S. has said this is an ICBM, North Korea has said this was an ICBM. So if you need any sort of intelligence to let you know that the rest of the world sees this as ICBM, I'm happy to provide it."

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On July 7th , Ambassador Nikki Haley, along with the Permanent Representatives from the United Kingdom and France released a Joint Press Statement on the Adoption of a Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons:

"France, the United Kingdom and the United States have not taken part in the negotiation of the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons. We do not intend to sign, ratify or ever become party to it. Therefore, there will be no change in the legal obligations on our countries with respect to nuclear weapons."

On June 7th, Ambassador Nikki Haley made a statement on the Decision by UNESCO to Designate Hebron's Old City and Tomb of the Patriarchs as a World Heritage Site in Danger:

"The UNESCO vote on Hebron is tragic on several levels. It represents an affront to history. It undermines the trust that is needed for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process to be successful. And it further discredits an already highly questionable UN agency. Today's vote does no one any good and causes much harm."

ICYMI:

- Full Video: **Ambassador Nikki Haley made remarks at an Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on Nonproliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**
- Full Statement: **Ambassador Haley delivered a response at an Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on Nonproliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**
- Full Press Release: **Joint Press Statement from the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the United States, United Kingdom, and France Following the Adoption of a Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons**
- Full Press Release: **Ambassador Nikki Haley's Statement on the Decision by UNESCO to Designate Hebron's Old City and Tomb of the Patriarchs as a World Heritage Site in Danger**
    - **WASHINGTON POST:** U.S. diplomat blasts China and Russia for 'holding the hands' of North Korean leader

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Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:50 PM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Haley, Nikki
Subject: RE: North Korea draft statement
Attachments: North Korea statement July 2017 - DMG edits.docx

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Jon,

Attached I have one comment related to the references to [redacted] in the first couple sentences. B5

Thanks.

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From: Lerner, Jon S
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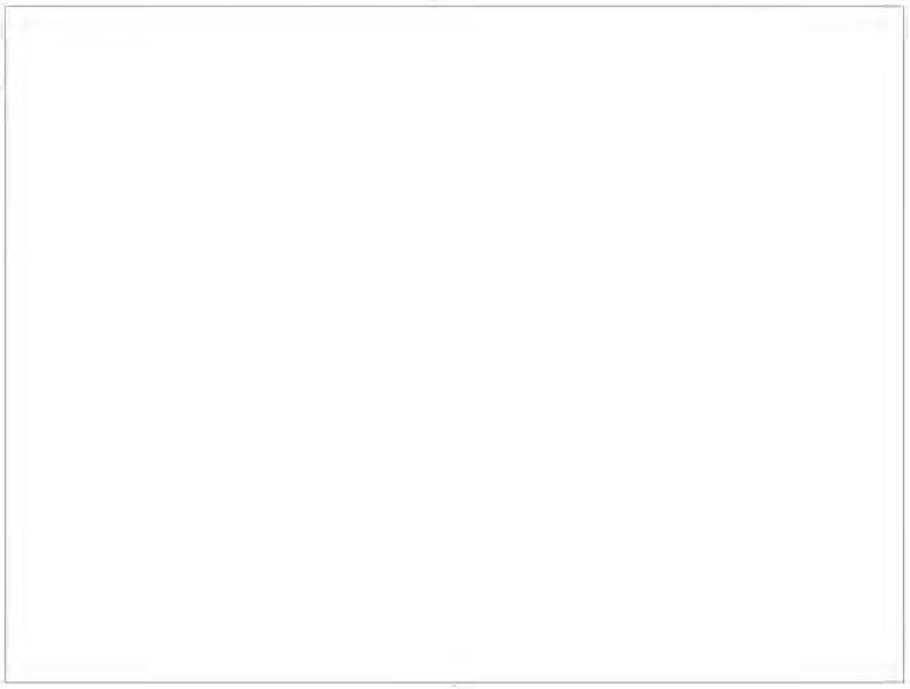
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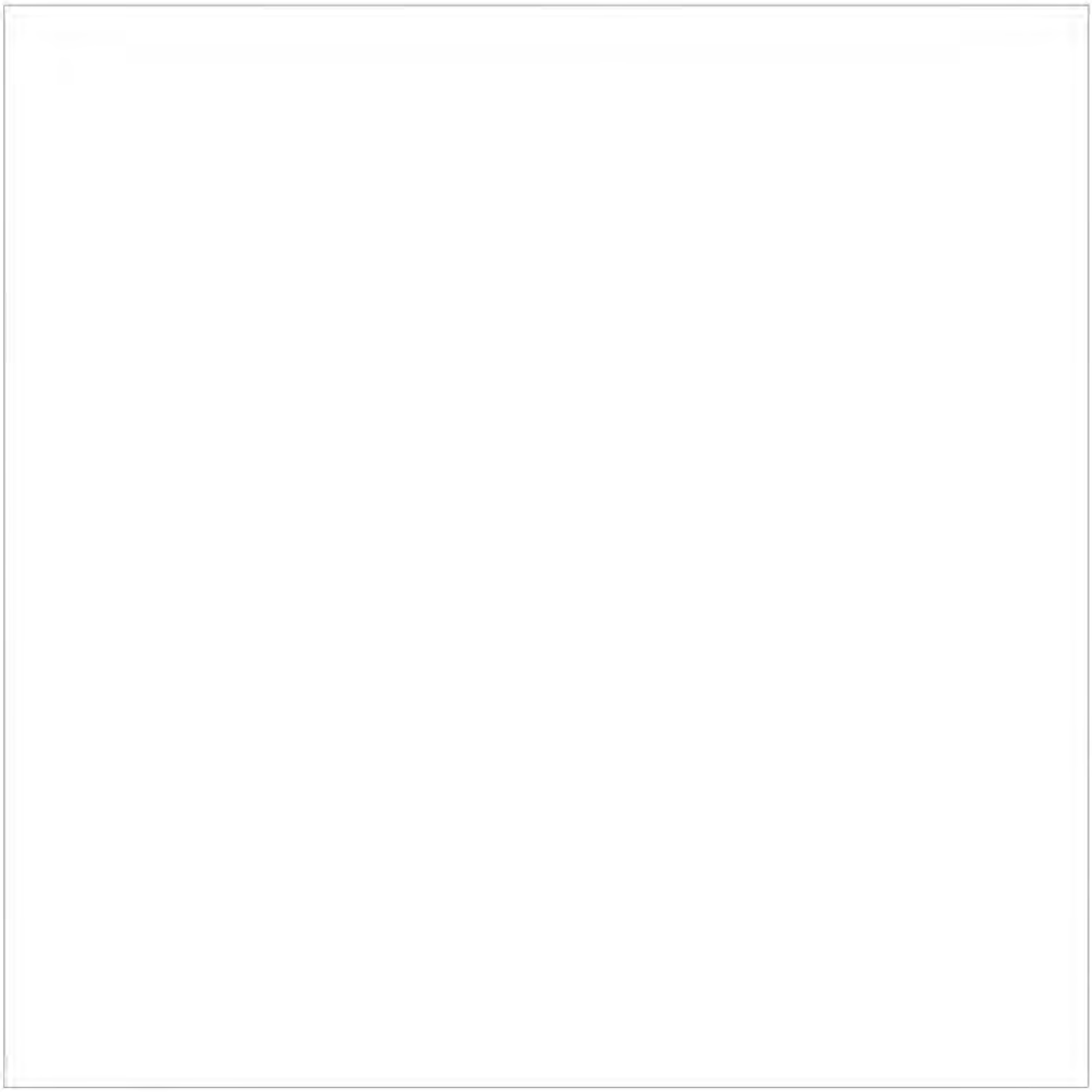
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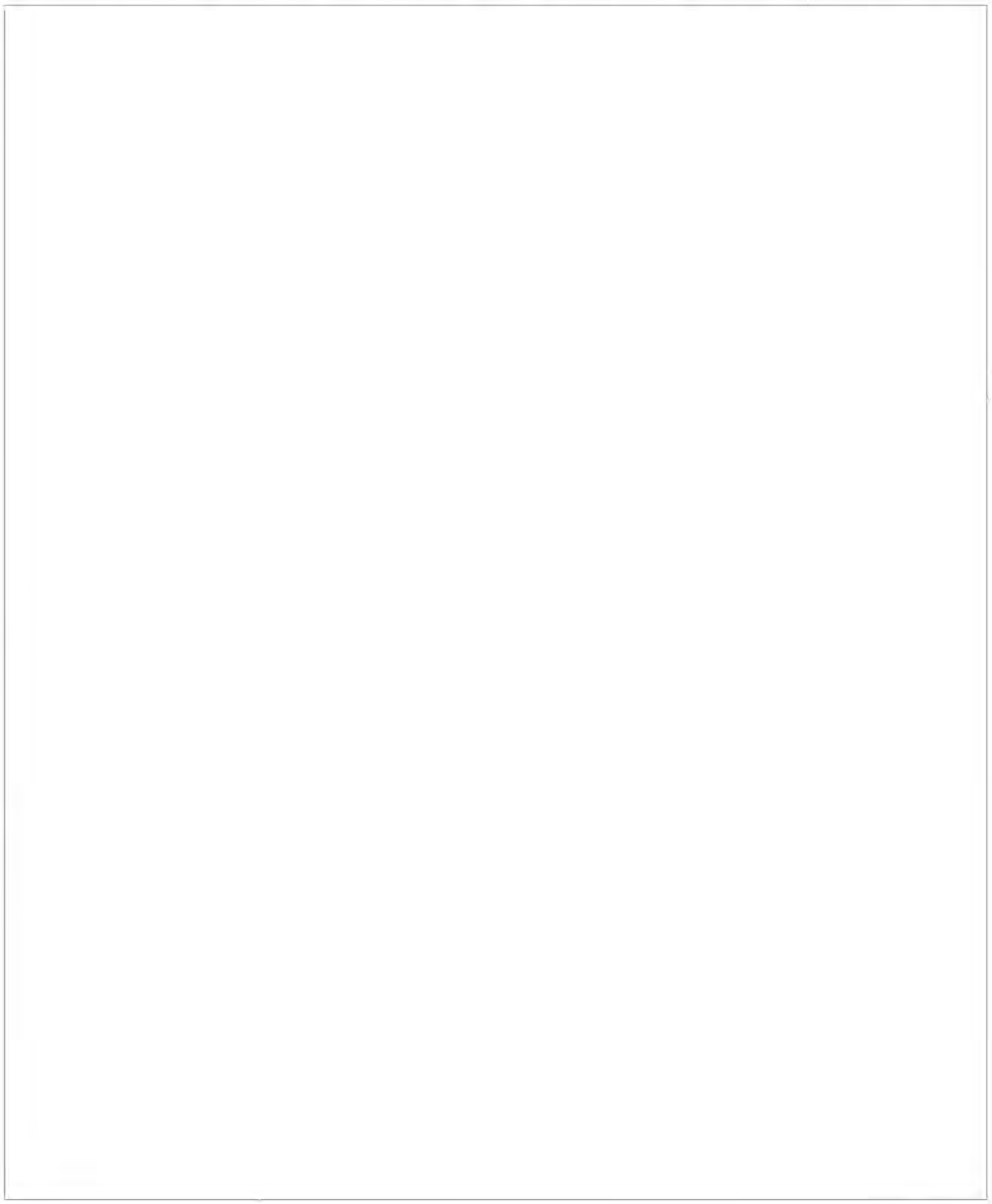


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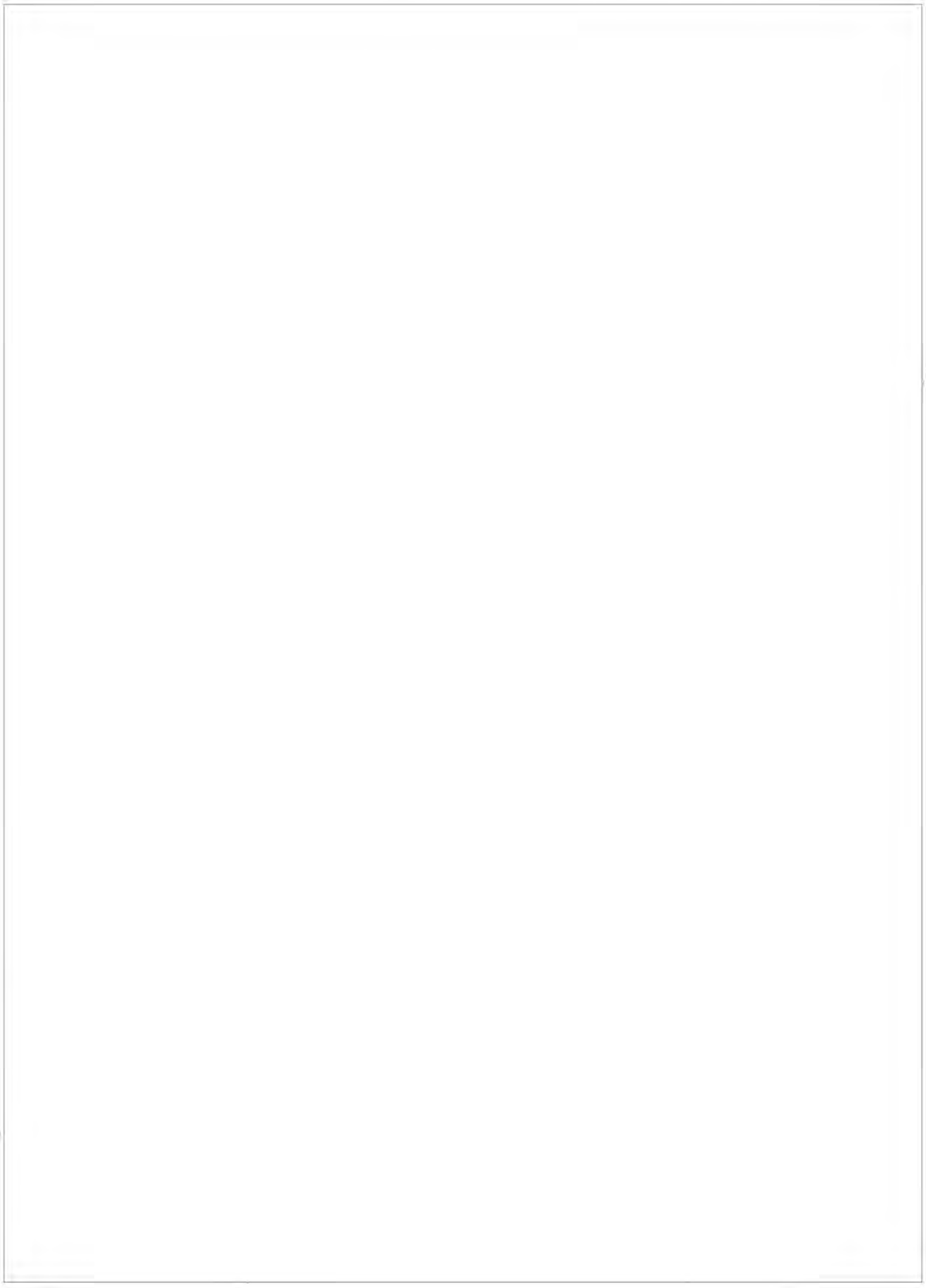
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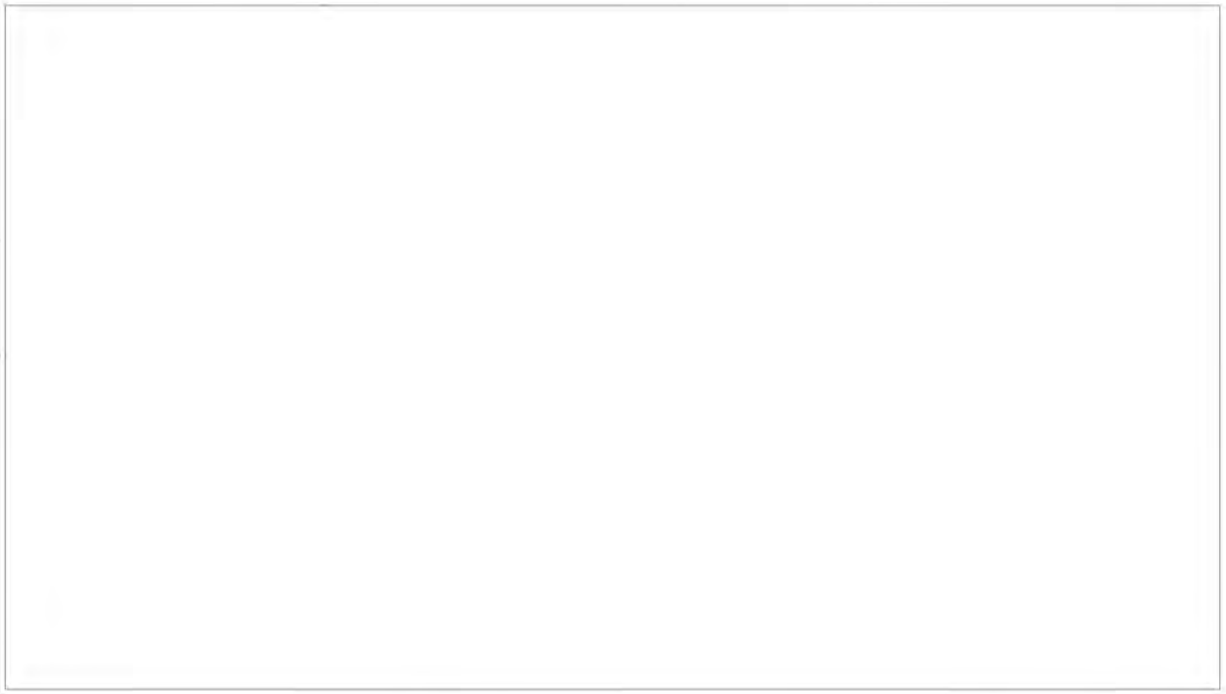
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 30, 2017

Joint Statement between the United States and the Republic of Korea

President Donald J. Trump hosted President Moon Jae-in of the Republic of Korea (ROK) at the White House on June 29 and 30 in order to advance the comprehensive strategic Alliance between the United States and the ROK and to deepen the two countries' friendship. Since its founding, the Alliance has served as a linchpin for security, stability, and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula, in the Asia Pacific region, and increasingly around the world. As we mark the 67th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, the commitment of the United States to the ROK's defense remains ironclad. President Trump reaffirmed that the United States will defend the ROK against any attack and both presidents remain committed to jointly addressing the threat posed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). Built on mutual trust and shared values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, the United States-ROK partnership has never been stronger, and the two leaders pledged to build an even greater Alliance going forward.

Strengthening the United States-ROK Alliance

The two leaders affirmed the Alliance's fundamental mission to defend the ROK through a robust combined defense posture and the enhancement of mutual security based on the United States-ROK *Mutual Defense Treaty*. President Trump reiterated the United States commitment to provide extended deterrence to the ROK, drawing on the full range of United States military capabilities, both conventional and nuclear. Regular dialogue channels, such as the Security Consultative Meeting and the Military Committee Meeting, are instrumental in deepening our Alliance. The two leaders decided to continue the Alliance's work to expeditiously enable the conditions-based transfer of wartime operational control of ROK forces. The ROK will continue to acquire the critical military capabilities necessary to lead the combined defense, and detect, disrupt, destroy, and defend against the DPRK's nuclear and missile threats, including through interoperable Kill-Chain, Korean Air and Missile Defense (KAMD), and other Alliance systems.

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The two leaders reaffirmed the Alliance's commitment to counter the growing threat to peace and security posed by the DPRK's nuclear and ballistic missile programs. To increase coordination on Alliance issues, the leaders committed the foreign affairs and defense agencies of the two countries to regularize a "2+2" ministerial meeting, as well as a high-level Extended Deterrence Strategy and Consultation Group to employ all elements of national power to strengthen extended deterrence.

Maintaining Lock-Step Coordination on our Policy regarding the DPRK

President Trump and President Moon pledged to continue to coordinate closely to achieve our shared goal of complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner. The two leaders called on the DPRK to refrain from provocative, destabilizing actions and rhetoric, and to make the strategic choice to fulfill its international obligations and commitments. The two leaders affirmed that the DPRK's nuclear tests and unprecedented number of ballistic missile tests constitute direct violations of multiple United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) and highlight the accelerating threat the DPRK's missile programs pose to international peace and security. They affirmed their commitment to fully implement existing sanctions and impose new measures designed to apply maximum pressure on the DPRK and compel Pyongyang to cease its provocative actions and return to sincere and constructive talks. The two leaders also urged all UN member states to swiftly and fully implement UNSCR obligations and took note, with appreciation, of constructive actions by some countries around the world to exert diplomatic and economic pressure on the DPRK to return to credible negotiations on denuclearization. They noted the important role China could play to this end. In addition, the two sides committed to enhance cooperation to combat the DPRK's dangerous and destabilizing malicious cyber activity.

Noting that sanctions are a tool of diplomacy, the two leaders emphasized that the door to dialogue with the DPRK remains open under the right circumstances. In reaffirming that resolution of the nuclear issue is a top priority for both countries, the two leaders emphasized that the United States and the ROK do not maintain a hostile policy toward the DPRK and, together with the rest of the international community, stand ready to work toward a brighter future for the DPRK, if it chooses the right path. The two sides will closely coordinate on a joint the DPRK policy, including efforts to create conditions necessary for denuclearization talks, through a high-level strategic consultation mechanism.

President Trump supported the ROK's leading role in fostering an environment for peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula.

The two leaders expressed deep concern about the well-being of the DPRK's people, particularly in light of the egregious human rights violations and abuses committed against them by the government, and noted their intention to ensure sanctions have minimal impact on the DPRK's vulnerable populations. President Trump expressed support for President Moon's aspiration to restart inter-Korean dialogue on certain issues, including humanitarian affairs. The two leaders reaffirmed the importance of cooperating with the international community to hold the DPRK accountable for substantial progress on the deplorable human rights situation in that country.

The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to promote regional relations and enhance United States-ROK-Japan trilateral cooperation. The two leaders affirmed that trilateral security and defense cooperation contributes to enhanced deterrence and defense against the DPRK threat. They decided to further develop this cooperation, using established bilateral and trilateral mechanisms. They also underscored the importance of leveraging the United States-ROK-Japan trilateral relationship to address global challenges such as cancer research, energy security, women's empowerment, and cybersecurity. President Trump and President Moon decided to discuss further ways to enhance trilateral cooperation together with

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Prime Minister Abe of Japan at the upcoming United States-ROK-Japan Trilateral Summit on the margins of the G20 in July.

Advancing Fair Trade to Promote Economic Growth

President Trump and President Moon committed to foster expanded and balanced trade while creating reciprocal benefits and fair treatment between the two countries. In that regard, the two sides further committed to fostering a truly fair and level playing field, including working together to reduce the global overcapacity of such basic materials as steel and non-tariff barriers to trade.

Both sides pledged to work together, as part of the process of the Commercial Dialogue, to promote investment, support entrepreneurs, and facilitate cooperation between the United States and the ROK to boost economic growth and job creation in both countries.

Enhancing Bilateral Cooperation on Other Economic Opportunities

Both sides also committed to work together through the Senior Economic Dialogue to promote and expand cooperation on other economic issues and to explore the enhancement of economic opportunities through a joint public-private forum. Given the roles of science, technology, and innovation in driving economic growth, the two countries will enhance cooperation in cybersecurity, information and communication technology, and civil space technology. Highlighting the important economic role women play in their societies, the two sides pledged to launch a bilateral partnership to advance women's economic empowerment.

Actively Collaborating as Global Partners

President Trump and President Moon affirmed that United States-ROK cooperation on global issues is an indispensable and expanding aspect of the Alliance. With respect to global health security collaboration, the two leaders affirmed their support in helping partner countries prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats. The two leaders condemned the grave human suffering and violence in Iraq and Syria caused by ISIS, and reaffirmed the strong United States-ROK partnership in the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS. President Trump welcomed the ROK's commitment to increase humanitarian assistance to countries most affected by terrorism and violent extremism, including its pledge to provide 10 million United States dollars for Iraq this year. The two sides underscored the importance of joint efforts by the international community, including the United States and the ROK, to rebuild peace and stability in Afghanistan, and pledged to continue to work together to support the Afghan people and government.

Future of the Alliance

The two leaders shared the view that strong and dynamic ties between our two countries are the foundation of the United States-ROK Alliance. They decided to advance future-oriented cooperation through high-level consultations in the areas of economy and trade, renewable and nuclear energy, science and technology, space, environment, health, and defense technology. President Trump and President Moon affirmed that the United States and the ROK will work together to support and uphold the rules-based order in the Asia-Pacific region. The two leaders affirmed that the strength of the United States-ROK Alliance serves as testament to the power of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, and acknowledged that the future of the two countries is linked through people-to-people ties,

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with more than 1.7 million Korean Americans in the United States, hundreds of thousands of Americans visiting and working in the ROK each year, and close ties created through cultural programs and student and professional exchanges. President Trump and President Moon heralded the exemplary nature of the United States-ROK Alliance, from strengthening our security by deterring and defending against the DPRK threat, enhancing strong regional relations, and advancing our economic relationship and expanding our global partnership. Both leaders expressed their expectation that the friendship and partnership between the two countries will continue to strengthen and grow for many decades to come.

President Moon invited President Trump to visit the ROK in 2017; President Trump gladly accepted the invitation. The two leaders will continue to discuss issues of mutual interests on various occasions, including during international multilateral conferences.

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1		**Report Title**	**Legislation**
2	1	**Expropriation of United States Property**	Foreign Relations FY94-95 Authorization P.L. 103-236; Section 527 // 22 USC 2370a: Expropriation of United States property
3	2	**Report to Congress on Iran-Related Multilateral Sanctions Regime Efforts**	50 USC 1701: UNUSUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY THREAT; DECLARATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY; EXERCISE OF PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITIES. IRAN SANCTIONS. "SEC. 10. REPORTS REQUIRED."
4	3	**Report to Strengthen the International Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime**	To approve the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (P.L. 110-369, Sec. 204)
5		**Presidential Determination: Brazil Air Bridge Denial (ADB) Program**	**Sec. 1012 of the Defense Authorization Act FY 95 (22 USC 2291-4)**
6	4	**Uses of All Funds for the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) and Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) on a Country-By-Country Basis**	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, PL 114-113 House Report, page 61
7	5	**North Korea Immigration Information** **RELEASE IN PART B5**	22 USC 7845: Annual reports Foreign Relations and Intercourse Chapter 85-North Korean Human Rights Subchapter III-Protecting North Korean Refugees
8	6	**Report on Actions to Promote Freedom of Information in North Korea (Media Freedom)**	22 USC 7814: Actions to Promote Freedom of Information
9	7	**Cuban Compliance with the Migration Accords**	Omnibus Appropriations Act FY99 P.L. 105-277; Section 2245
10	8	**Joint State/DHS The Efficiency Improvements Made in the Process by which Applications for Special Immigrant Visas under Special Immigrant Status for Certain Iraqis Are Processed**	National Defense Authorization Act FY14 PL 113-66, Sec. 1218 (g)
11	9	**Joint State/DHS The Efficiency Improvements Made in the Process by which Applications for Special Immigrant Visas under Special Immigrant Status for Certain Afghans Are Processed**	National Defense Authorization Act FY14 PL 113-66, Sec. 1219
12	10	**Resolution of the Cyprus Dispute**	International Security Assistance Act P.L. 95-384; (22 USC 2373 (e))
13	11	**Iraqi Compliance with UNSC Resolutions**	Use of Military Force Against Iraq; P.L. 107-243; Section 4
14	12	**Credits Available to the United States, Including from the United Nations Tax Equalization Fund, and Provide Updated Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 Assessment Costs Including Offsets from Available Credits and Updated Foreign Currency Exchange Rates**	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, 114-113, International Organizations Contributions to International Organizations, Page 468
15	13	**Credits Available to the United States, Including those Resulting from United Nations Peacekeeping Missions or the United Nations Tax Equalization Fund, and Provide updated Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 Assessment Costs including Offsets from Available Credits**	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, 114-113, International Organizations Contributions to International Organizations, Page 469
16	14	**Availability of Funds**	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2015, PL 114-113, Sec. 7011
17	15	**Expenditures for Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Services (a.k.a K Fund)**	Foreign Relations Authorization Act FY 88 and 89 -- P.L. 100-204: Section 124 // 22 USC 2680
18	16	**Joint Report with DOD on Obligation of Funds for the Global Security Contingency Fund**	NDAA FY12, PL 112-81, Sec. 1207 (m)
19	17	**Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund**	MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012, Conference Report to Accompany HR 2055. Report 112-331, Page 487.
20	18	**Section 203 Zika Report from U.S. Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development**	Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act: P.L. 114-223, Div. B, Sec. 203
21		**NOVEMBER**	

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1		**Frequency**	**Date Due to Congress**	**Relevant Committees**
2		Annual	3-Oct-16	Speaker House & SFRC
3		Semiannual	3-Oct-16	SFRC, HFAC, President of Senate, House Approps, S. Approps, HAFAC, SAFAC, S. Banking, H. Banking
4		Semiannual	7-Oct-16	House Foreign Relations, Senate Foreign Relations
5		**Annual**	**14-Oct-16**	**Select Committee Intelligence Senate; Permanent Select Committee Intelligence House**
6		Update	14-Oct-16	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
7		Annual	18-Oct-16	HFAC, SFRC, H. Judiciary, S. Judiciary
8		Annual	18-Oct-16	HFAC; SFRC
9		Semiannual -- See April 2011 file report tasker (g drive). Expanded list of committees and	21-Oct-16	Speaker House, SFRC, HFAC, H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
10		Quarterly	21-Oct-16	Website
11		Quarterly	21-Oct-16	Website
12		Every 60 days	25-Oct-16	Speaker House & SFRC
13		Every 60 days	25-Oct-16	Speaker House & Senate President
14		Not later than May 1, 2016, and 30 days after the end of fiscal year 2016	28-Oct-16	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
15		Not later than May 1, 2016, and 30 days after the end of fiscal year 2016	28-Oct-16	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
16		Annual	28-Oct-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
17		Quarterly	31-Oct-16	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO -- 30 days at end of each fiscal quarter
18		Annual	31-Oct-16	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO; HFAC, SFRC, H & S Armed Services
19		Quarterly (30 days after end of each fiscal quarter) -- continue as long as funding is available.	31-Oct-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
20		Every 60 Days	31-Oct-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
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22	19	Waiving Restrictions on the PLO Office in Washington, DC	Consolidated Appropriations Act FY 14, PL 113-76 Section 7041 (j)(2)
23	20	Visa Issuance to Inadmissible Aliens	22 USC 2723 (a) (2)
24	21	Report on the Amount of Claims for Extraordinary Protective Services (Protection of Foreign Missions and Officials).	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014, PL 113-76, House Report 113-185, Page 17 -- Continued with Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015. PL 113-235. Division J Senate Report Page 75
25	22	Report on Real Estate Transactions	Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Conference Report 104-863 P. 833 (FY 1997 P.L. 104-208 (Bill H R 3610)
26	23	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program Annual Report Microenterprise for Self-Reliance	Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 1999 P.L. 106-309; Section 304
27	24	Policy Toward Burma -- Report To Congress Regarding Progress Toward Democratization in Burma	FY97 Foreign Operations Appropriations; P.L. 104-208 Sec. 570 (d)
28		Recommendations for Exception Renewals for Malaysia and Singapore	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, PL 112-81, Section 1245 (d) (4) (D)
29	25	Presidential Determination: Applicability of Sanctions with Respect to Petroleum Transactions from Iran	22 USC 8513a: Imposition of sanctions with respect to the financial sector of Iran
30	26	List of Persons Who Are Responsible for or Complicit in Certain Human Rights Abuses	22 USC 8514: Imposition of sanctions on certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in human rights abuses committed against citizens of Iran or their family members after the June 12, 2009, elections in Iran
31	27	**Report on the Implementation of Executive Order 12938 Concerning the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction**	Executive Order 12938, consistent with Section 204 c of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act; 50 USC 1641 (c)
32		Annual Report on Payment of Awards -- consolidated into the Report on Expenditures Made from the "Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service"	DEPARTMENT OF STATE REWARDS PROGRAM UPDATE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2012. PL 112-283. Senate Report 112-232, Page 11
33		**DECEMBER**	
34	28	Presidential Determination Suspending Limitations under the Jerusalem Embassy Act	Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 P.L. 104-45; Section Sec. 7
35	29	Informing the Conclusion of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program -- Joint State / DoD report	The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2016, PL 114-92, Sec. 1216 (c)
36	30	Progress Report on the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem	Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 P.L. 104-45; Section 6
37	31	Combined War Powers Supplemental Report Consistent with the War Powers Resolution	War Powers Resolution P.L. 93-148 Section 4(c)
38	32	Promoting the rule of law in the Russian Federation to Support US Trade and Investment - Joint State / USTR Report	Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012 Public Law 112-208, Sec. 202 (a). Also, House Report 112-632, Pages 10 - 11.
39	33	Identification of Persons Responsible for the Detention, Abuse and Death of Sergei Magnitsky and other Gross Violations of Human Rights	Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012 Public Law 112-208, Sec. 407
40	34	Report On and Imposition of Sanctions with Respect to Serious Human Rights Abuses or Censorship in North Korea	22 USC 9243: Report on and imposition of sanctions with respect to serious human rights abuses or censorship in North Korea
41	35	**Compliance Certification with Iranian Nuclear Agreements**	42 USC 2160e (d)(6)
42		**All United States Government assistance provided to the Government of Uzbekistan**	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014, PL 113-76, Sec. 7061 -- Continued in Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015. PL 113-235. Division J Sec. 7061
43	36	Non-Compliance by the Russian Federation of Its Obligations Under the INF Treaty	22 USC 8929: Report on non-compliance by the Russian Federation of its obligations under the INF Treaty

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22		Semiannual -- check with [redacted] based on previous submission before tasking	4-Nov-16	Speaker of the House, President of the Senate
23		Semiannual	4-Nov-16	HFAC, SFRC, H & S Judiciary
24		Semiannual	10-Nov-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
25		Quarterly	18-Nov-16	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
26		Annual	18-Nov-16	House Speaker, Senate President
27		Semiannual	18-Nov-16	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO // Obtain clearance from D before submitting to H
28		Semiannual - Every 180 Days	18-Nov-16	HFAC; SFRC; HASC; SASC; H. Financial Services; S. Banking
29		Semiannual	18-Nov-16	HFAC; SFRC; HASC; SASC; H. Financial Services; S. Banking
30		Semiannual	25-Nov-16	SFRC, Senate Finance, Senate Banking, House Ways and Means, House Banking, and HFAC
31		Semiannual -- Should be Nov 14 in 2017	28-Nov-16	Speaker of the House; VP // Obtain clearance from D before submitting to H
32		Annual -- consolidated into the Report on Expenditures Made from the "Emergencies in the Diplomatic and	28-Nov-14	HFAC, SFRC
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34		Semiannual	4-Dec-16	Speaker House; SFRC
35		Semiannual	2-Dec-16	H & S Armed Services, H & S Judiciary
36		Semiannual	2-Dec-16	House Speaker; SFRC
37		Semiannual -- -- Should be Dec 5 in 2017	9-Dec-16	Speaker House; President Senate
38		Annual	9-Dec-16	Ways & Means, S. Finance
39		Annual	9-Dec-16	HFAC, SFRC, SASC, HASC, H. & S. Judiciary, H. & S. Homeland, H Financial Services, S. Finance
40		Semiannual (to be included in Annual Human Rights)	13-Dec-16	HFAC, SFRC, S. Banking, H. Financial, H Ways & Means
41		Quarterly	16-Dec-16	HFAC; SFRC; H Financial Services; S. Finance; S. Banking; H Ways & Means; S & H Intel; H Speaker; Majority Minority Leaders House and Senate
42		Semiannual (last report)	16-Dec-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
43		Quarterly	16-Dec-16	HFAC, SFRC; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel

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44		Programs Sponsored and Proposed by the Israeli-Palestinian Fund	Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006 P.L. 109-446; Section 10 (b) // 22 USC 2378b -- REPEALED through Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016
45	37	Resolution of the Cyprus Dispute	22 USC 2373 (c): Eastern Mediterranean policy requirements
46	38	Iraqi Compliance with UNSC Resolutions	P.L. 107-243; Sec. 4 - Use of Military Force Against Iraq
47	39	An Update on Implementation of the Strategy and Progress Made in Somalia	National Defense Authorization Act FY14 PL 113-66, Sec. 1206 (b)3(3)
48	40	Report Pursuant to Section 303 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012	Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, P.L. 112-158, Sec. 303 // 22 USC 8743
49	41	Establishment of an Independent, Not-For-Profit Academic Institution in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam	The Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000, P.L. 106-554, appendix D, Title II, Sec. 211(d) (as amended by Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, PL 113-235 Division J, Sec. 7085 (c))
50	42	A Report on the Status of Post-Earthquake Recovery and Development Efforts in Haiti	Assessing Progress in Haiti Act of 2014, PL 113-162, Section 5
51	43	Unobligated Balances	Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, PL 114-113, Division J, Section 7002
52	44	Visa Denials on Terrorist Grounds	22 USC 2723: Denial of Visas
53	45	The President's Multilateral Diplomacy Initiative Regarding Oil from Iran	22 USC 8513a: Imposition of sanctions with respect to the financial sector of Iran
54	46	**Report to Congress of Exemptions from Terrorist-Related Bars**	8 USC 1182(d)(3)(B)(ii)
55	47	International Exchanges and Training Programs/Activities of the Interagency Working Group	Title 22 Foreign Relations and Intercourse - Chapter 33 Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Program - Sec 2460 Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs -- 22 USC 2460 (f) (g)
56	48	Jackson-Vanik Compliance Reports	19 USC 2432: Freedom of Emigration in East-West Trade
57	49	Report on U.S.-Vietnam Human Rights Dialogue Meetings	Foreign Relations Authorization Act FY 03 P.L. 107-228; Section 702 // 22 USC 2151n: Human rights and development assistance
58	50	Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998	FAA, Sec. 813 (P.L. 87-195, as amended by P.L. 105-214) // 22 USC 2431k
59	51	Obligations and Outlays of Funds Overseen by OGAC - PEPFAR	FY 04 Appropriations Conference Rpt, 108-401, pg 685 Foreign Operations Appro FY 04; P.L. 108-199; (Div D)
60	52	Developing Country Emissions of Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change	22 USC 7902: Reduction of greenhouse gas intensity
61	53	World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers Report -- WMEAT	22 USC 2593b: Public Annual Report on World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers
62	54	Section 203 Zika Report from U.S. Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development	Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act; P.L. 114-223, Div. B, Sec. 203
63	55	Special Immigrant Status for Certain Afghans	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114 - 328, Sec. 1214 (c) updates 8 U.S.C. 1101 note
64	56	Informing the Conclusion of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program	The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2016, PL 114-92, Sec. 1216 (c)
65		**2017 JANUARY**	
66	57	**Imposition of Sanctions With Respect to the Sale, Supply, or Transfer of Certain Materials to or from Iran**	22 USC 8804: Imposition of Sanctions With Respect to the Sale, Supply, or Transfer of Certain Materials to or from Iran
67	58	**Ratification of Chemical Weapons Convention (Condition 10 Report)**	105th Congress. S. Res. 75 To advise and consent to the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Sec. 2 (10)(c)
68	59	**Withdrawal of Russian Armed Forces and Military Equipment (Sen. Res. of advice and consent to the ratification of the CFE Flank Doc. May 5/31/96 dated 5/14/97 Para (5) (D)**	CFE Treaty Sec. 2 (5)(d)- Treaty Doc. 105-5
69	60	**Certification of Effectiveness of the Australia Group**	105th Congress. S. Res. 75 To advise and consent to the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Sec. 7 (c)

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44		Annual	16-Dec-16	HFAC; SFRC; H. Approps. S. Approps. HACFO, SACFO
45		Every 60 days	23-Dec-16	Speaker House & SFRC
46		Every 60 days	23-Dec-16	Speaker House & President Pro Tempore of the Senate
47		Annual (should be last report)	23-Dec-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC, H & S Armed Services
48		Semiannual	30-Dec-16	HFAC; SFRC; H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, H & S Armed Services, H & S. Intelligence, H. Financial Services, S. Banking, H. Ways Mean, S. Finance
49		Annual	30-Dec-16	HFAC, SFRC, H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
50		Annual	30-Dec-16	HFAC; SFRC; H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
51		Quarterly	30-Dec-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
52		Quarterly	30-Dec-16	SFRC; HFAC; House & Senate Judiciary
53		Semiannual	30-Dec-16	HFAC; SFRC; HASC; SASC; H. Financial Services; S. Banking
54		Annual	30-Dec-16	SFRC; HFAC; H. & S. Judiciary; H. & S. Homeland
55		Annual	30-Dec-16	Speaker of the House; SFRC
56		Semiannual	30-Dec-16	Speaker House; President Senate
57		Annual	30-Dec-16	HFAC; SFRC
58		Annual	30-Dec-16	Speaker of the House; President Pro Tempore of the Senate
59		Quarterly	30-Dec-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC
60		Annual	30-Dec-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC, Senate and House Energy
61		Annual	30-Dec-16	Website
62		Every 60 Days	30-Dec-16	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
63		Annual	30-Dec-16	H & S Judiciary
64		Semiannual	30-Dec-16	H & S Armed Services, H & S Judiciary
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66		Semiannual	2-Jan-17	SFRC, HFAC, S and H Armed Services, S Banking, S Finance, H Financial Services, H Ways and Means
67		Annual	2-Jan-17	House Speaker; SFRC
68		Annual	3-Jan-17	House Speaker; SFRC
69		Annual	3-Jan-17	House Speaker; SFRC

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70	61	**Chemical Weapons Inspections**	22 USC 6728: Annual report on inspections
71	62	**Report on Iran's Nuclear Program and the Compliance of Iran with the Agreement**	42 USC 2160e (d)(4) Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015
72	63	**A List of Diplomatic and Consular Posts Designated as High Risk, High Threat Posts**	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016, PL 114-323, Sec 104 (a)
73		**The Number of Personnel Present in Afghanistan under Chief of Mission Authority**	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, 114-113, Sec. 7044 (a) (B)
74	64	**Suspending right to bring action under Title III of the LIBERTAD Act on Cuba (Helms-Burton)**	Cuba Sanctions P.L. 104-114; Section 306 // 22 USC 6085
75	65	**Federal Information Security Management Act Report: FISMA**	"E-Government Act of 2002". PL 107-347, Sec. 3544 (c)
76		**UN Policy on Israel and the Palestinians**	FY00 Consolidated Appropriations; P.L. 106-113; Appendix G, Section 721 -- REPEALED through Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016
77	66	**Supplemental Assistance for Haiti**	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2015. PL 113-235, Senate Report 113-195, Page 65. Refers to Section 1003(b) of PL 111-212, The Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010
78	67	**Joint State/DHS The Efficiency Improvements Made in the Process by which Applications for Special Immigrant Visas under Special Immigrant Status for Certain Iraqis Are Processed**	National Defense Authorization Act FY14 PL 113-66, Sec. 1218 (g)
79	68	**Joint State/DHS The Efficiency Improvements Made in the Process by which Applications for Special Immigrant Visas under Special Immigrant Status for Certain Afghans Are Processed**	National Defense Authorization Act FY14 PL 113-66, Sec. 1219
80	69	**Anticipated Uses of Such Funds on a Country and Project Basis for which the Obligation of Funds is Anticipated, Including Estimated Personnel and Administrative Costs**	Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017, PL 114-254
81	70	**Report on Israel's Qualitative Military Edge (QME)**	To Enhance the Strategic Cooperation Between the United States and Israel. PL 112-150, Sec. 6(a). Quadrennial Version: House Report 110-626, page 13
82	71	**Report on Compliance with Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty (Sen. Res. of advice and consent to the ratification of the CFE Flank Doc. May 5/31/96 dated 5/14/97**	CFE Treaty Sec. 2 (5)(c) Treaty Doc. 105-5
83	72	**Conflict Minerals Map**	Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act PL 111-203; Sec. 1502(c)(2) of P.L. 111-203 (15 U.S.C. 78m note)
84	73	**Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund**	MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012, Conference Report to Accompany HR 2055. Report 112-331, Page 487.
85	74	**Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation**	Senate CJS Report, FY02, 107-42, Pg. 125, to accompany S. 1215
86	75	**PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended.**	Foreign Relations Authorization Act, PL 107-228; Section 603-604, and 699 // P.L. 101-246 Sec 803 (b))sec 804(b) // P.L. 104-104, Sec 604 (b) (1)
87	76	**Expenditures for Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Services (a.k.a. K Fund)**	Foreign Relations Authorization Act FY88 and 89; P.L. 100-204; Section 124 // 22 USC 2680
88	77	**Foreign Military Training -- Joint State DoD**	22 USC 2416: Annual foreign military training report
89	78	**Foreign Language Proficiency**	22 USC 4022: Foreign Language Requirements
90	79	**A Report on the Global Fund**	22 USC 7622: Participation in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
91	80	**Representation Expenses**	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 PL 114-113,Senate Report 114-79, Page 41

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70		Annual	3-Jan-17	HFAC; SFRC; House and Senate Judiciary; Senate and House Select Comm Intel
71		Semiannual	6-Jan-17	HFAC; SFRC; H Financial Services; S. Finance; S. Banking; H Ways & Means; S & H Intel; H Speaker; Majority Minority Leaders House and Senate
72		One-Time	9-Jan-17	SFRC, HFAC
73		Every 120 Days until Sept 30, 2016	13-Jan-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
74		Semiannual	13-Jan-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps -- No subcommittees
75		Annual	13-Jan-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, S. Homeland Security and Government Affairs, H. Oversight and Gov Reform, Senate CJS, House Science, Comptroller General
76		Annual	13-Jan-17	HFAC; SFRC
77		Every 180 Days	13-Jan-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
78		Quarterly	20-Jan-17	Website
79		Quarterly	20-Jan-17	Website
80		Every 60 Days	24-Jan-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
81		Every 4 years (next report due 2017 based on quadrennial version).	25-Jan-17	HFAC, SFRC
82		Annual	31-Jan-17	House Speaker; SFRC
83		Semiannual -- Every 180 days	31-Jan-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC, Ways&Means, S. Finance, H. Financial Services, S. Banking
84		Quarterly (30 days after end of each fiscal quarter) -- continue as long as funding is available.	31-Jan-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
85		Annual	31-Jan-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
86		Semiannual	31-Jan-17	House Speaker, SFRC, HFAC
87		Quarterly	31-Jan-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
88		Annual	31-Jan-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
89		Annual	31-Jan-17	HFAC, SFRC
90		Annual	31-Jan-17	HFAC, SFRC; H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
91		Semiannual	31-Jan-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO

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92	81	Implementation of New START Treaty	Paragraph (a)(10) of Senate Resolution of Advice and Consent for New START Treaty (Dec. 22, 2010) Treaty Doc. 111-5
93		**FEBRUARY**	
94	82	Annual Report of Assistance Related to International Terrorism	Coordination of all United States Terrorism-Related Assistance to Foreign Countries 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-7 Title 22 Chapter 32 Subchapter II Part VIII
95	83	Annual Military Assistance Report	22 USC 2415: Annual Military Assistance Report
96	84	Interdiction of Aircraft Engaged in Illicit Drug Trafficking	22 USC 2291-4: Official immunity for authorized employees and agents of United States and foreign countries engaged in interdiction of aircraft used in illicit drug trafficking
97		Proliferation Security Initiative. Joint Report	50 USC 2911 (b) (2)
98	85	JAVITS Report: Arms Sales Proposal	22 USC 2765: Annual Estimate and Justification for Sales Program
99	86	New Start Certification and Report on National Technical Means	(2) of Senate Resolution of Advice and Consent for New START Treaty (Dec. 22, 2010) Treaty Doc. 111-5
100	87	Status of Tactical Nuclear Weapons Negotiations	Paragraph (a)(12)(B) of Senate Resolution of Advice and Consent for new START Treaty (Treaty Doc. 111-5)
101	88	Arab League Boycott and Religion Related Waiver on Prohibition of Contracts with Firms	22 USC 2679c: Prohibition On Discriminatory Contracts
102	89	Identification of, and Immigration Restrictions on, Senior Officials of the Government of Iran and Their Family Members	22 USC 8727: Identification of, and immigration restrictions on, senior officials of the Government of Iran and their family members
103	90	Rightsizing Report	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016, PL 114-323, Sec. 405 (c)
104	91	Staffing Levels for the International Religious Freedom Office	Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act, PL 114 - 281, Sec. 501 amends 22 U.S.C. 6471 et seq. Sec. 101 (a)
105	92	Alternative Fuel Purchasing Requirement for Federal Fleets Energy Conservation Act of 1998	42 USC 13218: Reports From Title 42-The Public Health and Welfare Chapter
106	93	S/GAC's Annual Report (aka Implementation of Assistance to Combat HIV/AIDS)	22 USC 2151b-2: Assistance to Combat HIV/AIDS
107	94	Report on Real Estate Transactions	Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Conference Report 104-863 P. 833 (FY 1997 P.L. 104-208 (Bill H R 3610)
108	95	New London Embassy	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, PL 114-113 Section 7004 (c) (1) REFERS TO PL 112-74, Section 7004 (f)(2)
109	96	Resolution of the Cyprus Dispute	International Security Assistance Act P.L. 95-384; (22 USC 2373 (e))
110	97	Annual Country Report on Human Rights Practices	22 USC 2151n: Human rights and development assistance. (d) Report to Speaker of House and Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate (f) Annual country reports on human rights practices (g) Child marriage status
111	98	Iraqi Compliance with UNSC Resolutions	P.L. 107-243; Sec. 4 - Use of Military Force Against Iraq
112	99	Gifts Given to Foreign Individuals by the U.S.	22 USC 2694: Limitation on purchase of gifts for foreign individuals
113	100	Report on all Waivers of the Collocation and Perimeter Setback Requirements for U.S. Diplomatic Facilities	Secure Embassy Construction and Counterterroism Act of 1999 (SECCA) 22 USC 4865 (a)(2)(B)(iii) and (3)(B) (iii)
114	101	Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in UN Peacekeeping Missions	22 USC 7111: Report by Secretary of State Title 22 - Foreign Relations and Intercourse Chapter 78 -- Trafficking Victims Protection
115	102	Data Mining Activities by Federal Agencies	42 USC 2000ee-3: Federal agency data mining reporting

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92	Annual	31-Jan-17	SFRC; Senate Armed Services
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94	Annual	1-Feb-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
95	Annual	1-Feb-17	House Speaker; SFRC
96	Annual	1-Feb-17	House Speaker; H & S Intelligence Committees, Vice President
97	Even-numbered years (due in 2018)	1-Feb-16	HFAC; SFRC; H. & S. Armed Services -- may be late due to DoD clearance.
98	Annual	1-Feb-17	H & S Armed Services, HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
99	Annual	3-Feb-17	Senate President (VP of US), President Pro Tem of the Senate, SFRC, SASC, SSCI, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders
100	Annual	6-Feb-17	SFRC; Senate Armed Services
101	Annual	6-Feb-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
102	Annual	6-Feb-17	Website
103	Annual	6-Feb-17	HFAC, SFRC
104	One-Time	6-Feb-17	HFAC, SFRC
105	Annual	13-Feb-17	House Speaker; Senate President
106	Annual	13-Feb-17	HFAC, SFRC
107	Quarterly	17-Feb-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
108	Every 180 days	20-Feb-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
109	Every 60 days	24-Feb-17	House Speaker; SFRC
110	Annual	24-Feb-17	House Speaker; SFRC
111	Every 60 days	24-Feb-17	House Speaker; President Pro Tempore Senate
112	Annual	2/24/2017 -- Task early (October) and make sure they provide report in word document, not .pdf	SFRC, House Speaker
113	Annual	28-Feb-17	HFAC; SFRC; H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
114	Semiannual -- Every 180 days	28-Feb-17	HFAC; SFRC
115	Annual	28-Feb-17	House Speaker; Senate President

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116	103	Section 203 Zika Report from U.S. Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development	Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act; P.L. 114-223, Div. B, Sec. 203
117		**MARCH**	
118	104	International Narcotics Control Strategy Report	22 USC 2291h: Reporting requirements. Title 22-Foreign Relations and Intercourse Chapter 32- Foreign Assistance Subchapter I - International Development Part VIII - International Narcotics Control
119		Workforce Planning for Foreign Service Personnel	22 USC 4001: Promotions -- REPEALED through Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016
120	105	Foreign Relations Historical Series	22 USC 4354: Declassification of State Department records // sections 51(a)(2) PL 84-885
121		Section 12 of the Foreign Service Buildings Act, as amended (Overseas Surplus Property)	22 USC 303: Annual report on overseas surplus properties -- REPEALED through Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016
122	106	International Military Education and Training (IMET)	22 USC 2347h: Human Rights report From Title 22 - Foreign Relations and Intercourse Chapter 32 -- Foreign Assistance Subchapter II -- Military Assistance and Sales Part V -- International Military Education and Training
123	107	Report on Proliferation of Missiles and Essential Components of Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and Radiological Weapons	50 USC 2368: Annual reports on the proliferation of missiles and essential components of nuclear, biological, chemical, and radiological weapons
124	108	Prevention of Smuggling of Methamphetamine into the United States from Mexico	22 USC 2291: Policy, general authorities, coordination, foreign police actions, definitions, and other provisions
125	109	Policy Regarding the United Nations Human Rights Council	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016, PL 114-323, Sec. 311 (b)
126	110	Special Envoys, Representatives, Advisors, and Coordinators of the Department	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016, PL 114-323, Sec. 418
127	111	Information Plan for Information Technology and Knowledge Management	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016, PL 114-323, Sec. 708
128	112	Information Technology Acquistion Practices	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016, PL 114-323, Sec. 711
129	113	Policy on Terminating the Arab League Boycott	Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010, P.L. 111-117 Sec. 7035
130	114	Notification and Federal Employee Anti-Discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (NO FEAR ACT)	NO FEAR Act P.L. 107-174; Section 203
131	115	Report to Congress on U.S. Assistance with Adoption and Implementation of, and Compliance with, Additional Protocols in the Non-Nuclear Weapon States	22 USC 8174: Report on revisions to initial United States declaration IAEA AND Treaty 107-7, Section 3, Paragraphs 5 and 6 of Senate Resolution of Advice and Consent -- **ISN combines two reporting requirements** into one (EO 13459)
132	116	State Dept Record of Overseas Deaths of U.S. Citizens	22 USC 2729 State Department records of overseas deaths of United States citizens from nonnatural causes *Reporting requirement fulfilled by updating the website
133	117	**Compliance Certification with Iranian Nuclear Agreements**	42 USC 2160e
134	118	Afghanistan Goals and Benchmarks	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, PL 114-113 Section 7044 (a)(3)
135	119	Assistance by the United States for the Training of Palestinian Security Forces	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, PL 114-113, Section. 7041 (i)(4) Refers to PL 110-252 Sec. 1404
136	120	Non-Compliance by the Russian Federation of Its Obligations Under the INF Treaty	22 USC 8929: Report on non-compliance by the Russian Federation of its obligations under the INF Treaty
137	121	Efforts by Mexico to Meet its Treaty Deliveries of Water to the Rio Grande in Accordance with the Treaty between the United States and Mexico	22 USC 277i: Report on Water Sharing
138	122	Special Envoy on Human Rights in North Korea	22 USC 7817: Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues

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116		Every 60 Days	28-Feb-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
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118		Annual	1-Mar-17	HACO; SACFO; HFAC; SFRC; H Approps; S Approps
119		Every 4 years, **next report due 2017**	1-Mar-17	SFRC, House Speaker
120		Annual	1-Mar-17	HFAC, SFRC
121		Annual	1-Mar-17	Speaker House; Vice President; Senate President Pro Tempore; HFAC, SFRC, H. & S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
122		Annual	1-Mar-17	2/9/09: [redacted] House Speaker, SFRC
123		Annual	1-Mar-17	H &S Approps, H &S Foreign Relations, H & S Armed Services
124		Annual	7-Mar-17	SFRC, HFAC
125		Annual	10-Mar-17	SFRC, HFAC
126		One-Time	10-Mar-17	SFRC, HFAC
127		One-Time	10-Mar-17	SFRC, HFAC
128		One-Time	10-Mar-17	SFRC, HFAC
129		Annual	14-Mar-17	HFAC; SFRC, H. Approps, HACFO, S. Approps, SACFO
130		Annual	14-Mar-17	Multiple recipients - see legislation
131		Annual	14-Mar-17	HFAC; SFRC; H. Approps, HACFO, S. Approps, SACFO; HASC; SASC; House Space Science Technology
132		Semiannual	14-Mar-17	Website Update http://travel.state.gov/law/family_issues/death/death_600.html
133		Quarterly	16-Mar-17	HFAC; SFRC; H Financial Services; S. Finance; S. Banking; H Ways & Means; S & H Intel; H Speaker; Majority Minority Leaders House and Senate
134		Semiannual - Every 180 days until Sept 2017	17-Mar-17	HFAC, SFRC; H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
135		Semiannual	17-Mar-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
136		Quarterly	17-Mar-17	HFAC, SFRC; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel
137		Annual	21-Mar-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
138		Annual	21-Mar-17	HFAC; SFRC

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139	123	Annual Report On Intercountry Adoptions	42 USC 14914: Annual report on intercountry adoptions
140	124	An Interagency Plan for Verification and Monitoring of Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and Fissile Material	National Defense Authorization Act FY 17, PL 114-328 Section 3132 // Section 3133 of the FY 15 National Defense Authorization Act (PL 113-291)
141	125	**Anticipated Uses of Such Funds on a Country and Project Basis for which the Obligation of Funds is Anticipated, Including Estimated Personnel and Administrative Costs**	Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017, PL 114-254; Sec 204
142	126	**The levels of federal aid and assistance that has been provided annually to Mexico, over each of the past five years**	Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements, Section 9, January 25, 2017
143	127	Report on Investments in the Energy Sector of Iran	22 USC 8518: Reports on Investments in the Energy Sector of Iran
144	128	Iran, North Korea and Syria Nonproliferation Act	Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999 P.L. 106-178; Section 2 (b) // P.L. 109-112, Sec. 4 IS. 527 from 110th Congress] 50 USC 1701
145		Tibet Negotiations	22 USC 6901: Findings Title 22 - Foreign Relations and Intercourse Chapter 77-United State-China Relations Subchapter I-General Provisions -- -- REPEALED through Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016
146	129	Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe : OSCE	22 USC 3005: Report relating to Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
147	130	Unobligated Balances	Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016, PL 114-113, Section 7002
148	131	Obligations and Outlays of Funds Overseen by S/GAC - PEPFAR	FY 04 Appropriations Conference Rpt, 108-401, pg 685 Foreign Operations Appro FY 04; P.L. 108-199; (Div D)
149	132	Voting Practices of UN Members	22 USC 2414a: Annual Report to Congress on Voting Practices at United Nations;
150	133	Millennium Challenge Act	22 USC 7712: Annual report From Title 22-FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INTERCOURSE CHAPTER 84-MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE
151	134	Report pursuant to Section 2(8) of the Treaty with Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation	Treaty with Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, Treaty Doc. 110-10, Sec. 2 (8)
152	135	Report pursuant to Section 9 of the Treaty with the United Kingdom Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation	Treaty with the United Kingdom Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, Treaty Doc. 110-7, Sec. 9
153	136	Report on Privacy Activities	Section 803(f) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law 110-53, codified at 42 USC 2000ee-1
154	137	Visa Denials on Terrorist Grounds	22 USC 2723: Denial of Visas
155	138	**Imposition Of Sanctions In Connection With Launches from Iran**	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114 - 328, Sec. 1226 (b) -- Determine with L that this was not 1st report; 1st report isn't due until June 2017. E-mails saved in drive.
156		**APRIL**	
157	139	Iran-Related Multilateral Sanctions Regime Efforts	50 USC 1701: UNUSUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY THREAT; DECLARATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY; EXERCISE OF PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITIES. IRAN SANCTIONS. "SEC. 10. REPORTS REQUIRED."
158	140	Observer Status for Taiwan at the Summit of the World Health Organization (WHO)	22 USC 290: Acceptance of membership by the United States
159		Implementation of Agreement between the U.S. and China on Science and Technology	22 USC 6901: Findings Monitoring of Implementation of 1979 Agreement Between the United States and China on Cooperation in Science and Technology -- -- REPEALED through Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016
160	141	Assistance to Azerbaijan	22 USC 5812 // Foreign Operations FY 02; P.L. 107-115: Assistance Independent States Former Soviet Union (g) (6) (Page 13).
161	142	Report to Strengthen the International Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime	To approve the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; P.L. 110-369, Sec. 204

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139		Annual	21-Mar-17	HFAC; House Ways & Means; House Judiciary; SFRC; Senate Finance; Senate Judiciary
140		One-Time	21-Mar-17	HFAC, SFRC, H&S Defense; H&S Homeland; H&S Energy
141		Every 60 Days	24-Mar-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
142		One-Time	24-Mar-17	POTUS
143		Semiannual	28-Mar-17	SFRC, Senate Finance, Senate Banking, House Ways and Means, House Banking, and HFAC
144		Semiannual	31-Mar-17	HFAC; SFRC
145		Annual	31-Mar-17	SFRC, HFAC
146		Annual	31-Mar-17	CSCE; Posted on State's Website
147		Quarterly	31-Mar-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
148		Quarterly	31-Mar-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC,
149		Annual	31-Mar-17	House Speaker; SFRC; H Approps, HACFO, S. Apprps, SACFO
150		Annual	31-Mar-17	President of Senate, Speaker of House
151		Annual	31-Mar-17	House Speaker, SFRC; HFAC
152		Annual	31-Mar-17	House Speaker, SFRC; HFAC
153		Semiannual	31-Mar-17	H&S Judiciary, H&S Intel, House Oversigh Gov Reform, Senate Homeland
154		Quarterly	31-Mar-17	SFRC; HFAC; House & Senate Judiciary
155		Quarterly	31-Mar-17	SFRC, HFAC; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel; H Financial, S Banking
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157		Semiannual	1-Apr-17	SFRC, HFAC, House Speaker, President of Senate, House Approps, S. Approps, HAFAC, SAFAC, S. Banking, H. Banking
158		Annual	1-Apr-17	Speaker of House; President Senate
159		Biennial (even numbered years) REPEALED	1-Apr-16	Speaker of House; President Senate
160		Annual	4-Apr-17	House & Senate Approps, HACFO, SACFO
161		Semiannual	7-Apr-17	HFAC, SFRC

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162	143	Multinational Force Observers to Implement the Treaty of Peace	22 USC 3425: Reports to Congress Title 22 - Foreign Relations and Intercourse Chapter 49 - Support of Peace Treaty Between Egypt and Israel Subchapter II - Multinational Force and Observers Participation
163	144	Report on Adherence to and Compliance with Arms Control Nonproliferation, and Disarmament Agreements and Commitments	22 USC 2593a: Annual report to Congress From Title 22-Foreign Relations and Intercourse Chapter 35 - Arms Control and Disarmament Subchapter IV - Additional General Provisions
164	145	Cases Involving Diplomatic Immunity	22 USC 2728: Crimes Committed by Diplomats
165	146	Denials of Visas to Confiscators of American Property	8 USC 1182d: Denial of Visas to Confiscators of American Property
166	147	Sudan War Crimes Report	50 USC 1701: Unusual and extraordinary threat; declaration of national emergency; exercise of Presidential authorities // Sudan Peace Act Section 11
167	148	IAEA's Technical Cooperation and Safeguards Programs in Selected Countries	Omnibus Appropriations Act FY99 P.L. 105-277; Section 2809 // 22 USC 2021
168	149	Cuban Compliance with the Migration Accords	Omnibus Appropriations Act FY99 P.L. 105-277; Section 2245
169	150	Joint State/DHS The Efficiency Improvements Made in the Process by which Applications for Special Immigrant Visas under Special Immigrant Status for Certain Iraqis Are Processed	National Defense Authorization Act FY14 PL 113-66, Sec. 1218 (g)
170	151	Joint State/DHS The Efficiency Improvements Made in the Process by which Applications for Special Immigrant Visas under Special Immigrant Status for Certain Afghans Are Processed	National Defense Authorization Act FY14 PL 113-66, Sec. 1219 (13)
171	152	Resolution of the Cyprus Dispute	International Security Assistance Act P.L. 95-384; (22 USC 2373 (c))
172	153	Iraqi Compliance with UNSC Resolutions	P.L. 107-243; Sec. 4 - Use of Military Force Against Iraq
173	154	Annual Report on International Child Abduction	Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2014. PL 113-150, Section 101 // 22 USC 9111
174	155	Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund	MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012, Conference Report to Accompany HR 2055. Report 112-331, Page 487.
175	156	Expenditures for Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Services (a.k.a K Fund)	Foreign Relations Authorization Act FY88 and 89; P.L. 100-204: Section 124 // 22 USC 2680
176	157	Annual Country Reports on Terrorism *(Section 7120 Report from PL 108-458 now included in this report).*	22 USC 2656f: Annual Country Reports on Terrorism
177	158	Section 203 Zika Report from U.S. Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development	Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act: P.L. 114-223 Div. B Sec. 203
178		**MAY**	
179	159	Annual Report on International Religious Freedom	Freedom From Religious Persecution Act P.L. 105-292; Section 102 (b) // 22 USC 6412
180	160	Conservation of Sea Turtles Certification	16 USC 1537: International Cooperation From Title 16- Conservation Chapter 35 - Endangered Species
181	161	Arab League Boycott Related Waiver on Prohibition on Defense Sales and Services (aka Annual Review of the Anti-Economic Discrimination Act of 1994).	Foreign Relations FY94-95 Authorization P.L. 103-236, Section 564
182	162	Report on Visa Issuance to Inadmissible Aliens	22 USC 2723 (a) (2)
183	163	Efforts of the Executive Branch to Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property	19 USC 2601: Protecting and Preserving International Cultural Property
184	164	Report on the Amount of Claims for Extraordinary Protective Services (Protection of Foreign Missions and Officials)	Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016. PL 114-113. Senate Report 114-79, Page 41

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162		Annual	14-Apr-17	House Speaker; SFRC
163		Annual	14-Apr-17	House Speaker; SFRC /
164		Annual	18-Apr-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC
165		Annual	18-Apr-17	Speaker House; SFRC
166		Annual	18-Apr-17	HFAC, SFRC
167		Annual	18-Apr-17	House Speaker, SFRC
168		Semiannual -- Every 180 days. See April 2011 file report tasker (g drive). Expanded list of committees and language.	21-Apr-17	Speaker House; SFRC; HFAC; H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, (See april 2011 g drive folder)
169		Quarterly	21-Apr-17	Website
170		Quarterly	21-Apr-17	Website
171		Every 60 days	25-Apr-17	Speaker House & SFRC
172		Every 60 days	25-Apr-17	Speaker House & President Pro Tempore of the Senate
173		Annual	28-Apr-17	HFAC; SFRC; Public Website
174		Quarterly (30 days after end of each fiscal quarter) -- continue as long as funding is available.	28-Apr-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
175		Quarterly	28-Apr-17	HFAC, SFRC, H & S Approps, HACFO, SACFO
176		Annual	28-Apr-17	House Speaker; SFRC
177		Every 60 Days	28-Apr-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
178				
179		Annual	1-May-17	HFAC, SFRC
180		Annual	1-May-17	House Speaker, Senate President Pro Tempore
181		Annual	1-May-17	HFAC, SFRC
182		Semiannual - Every 180 days	9-May-17	HFAC, SFRC, H & S Judiciary
183		Annual	9-May-17	HFAC, SFRC, H. Ways & Means, S. Finance
184		Semiannual	12-May-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO

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185		Territorial Integrity Waiver	Foreign Operations FY94 Appropriations P.L. 103-87; Section 560 (g)
186	165	Certification of Countries That Are Not Fully Cooperating with U.S. Anti-Terrorism Efforts	22 USC 2781: Transactions with countries not fully cooperating with United States antiterrorism efforts
187	166	Waiving Restrictions on the PLO Office in Washington DC	Consolidated Appropriations Act FY 16, PL 114-113 Division K Section 7041 (j)
188	167	Report on Real Estate Transactions	Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Conference Report 104-863 P. 833 (FY 1997 P.L. 104-208 (Bill H R 3610)
189	168	Policy Toward Burma: Report To Congress Regarding Progress Toward Democratization in Burma	Foreign Operations Appropriations P.L. 104-208 Sec. 570 (d) // 50 USC 1701: Unusual and extraordinary threat; declaration of national emergency; exercise of Presidential authorities
190	169	Monitoring of Assistance for Afghanistan	22 USC 7513: Authorization of Assistance. Title 22: Foreign Relations and Intercourse. Chapter 82: Afghanistan Freedom Support. Monitoring of Assistance for Afghanistan
191	170	Strategy to Improve International Implementation and Enforcement of United Nations North Korea-Specific Sanctions	22 USC 9222: Ensuring the consistent enforcement of United Nations Security Council resolutions and financial restrictions on North Korea
192	171	Presidential Determination: Applicability of Sanctions with Respect to Petroleum Transactions from Iran	22 USC 8513a: Imposition of sanctions with respect to the financial sector of Iran
193	172	Amounts Planned for Direct Government to Government Assistance by country, Proposed Funding Amount, Source of Funds & Type of Assistance	Sec. 7031(a)(4) of the consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 505)
194	173	Transfer of Sensitive Items	42 USC 2077a: Interagency review of applications for the transfer of United States civil nuclear technology
195	174	Anticipated Uses of Such Funds on a Country and Project Basis for which the Obligation of Funds is Anticipated, Including Estimated Personnel and Administrative Costs	Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017, PL 114-254; Sec 204
196	175	List of Persons Who Are Responsible for or Complicit in Certain Human Rights Abuses in Iran	22 USC 8514: Imposition of sanctions on certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in human rights abuses committed against citizens of Iran or their family members after the June 12, 2009, elections in Iran
197	176	Report on the Implementation of Executive Order 12938 Concerning the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction	Executive Order 12938, consistent with Section 204 c of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act; 50 USC 1641 (c)
198		**JUNE**	
199	177	Report on Trends in Overseas Staffing and Support for Chiefs of Mission	House Report 108-792, page 819 // Senate Report 85 Appropriations Bill 108-344 page 133
200	178	Annual Report on Trafficking in Persons	22 USC 7107
201	179	Informing the Conclusion of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program (Joint DoD Report)	The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2016, PL 114-92, Sec. 1216 (c)
202	180	Credits Attributable to the United States, Including From the United Nations Tax Equalization Fund, and Provide Updated Fiscal Year 2017 & Fiscal Year 2018 Assessment Costs Including Offsets from Available Credits & Updated Foreign Currency Exchange Rates	A proviso under the International Organizations, Contributions to International Organizations heading of Title I of Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244; (p. 459)
203	181	Credits Attributable to the United States, Includingthose Resulting from the United Nations Peacekeeping Missions or the United Nations Tax Equalization Fund, & Provide Updated Fiscal Year 2017 & Fiscal Year 2018 Assessment Costs Including Offsets from Available Credits	A proviso under the Contributions for International Peacekeeping heading of Title I of Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244; (p. 460)
204	182	Extension of Jackson-Vanik Waiver Authority for Turkmenistan	19 USC 2432: Freedom of Emigration in East-West Trade
205	183	Presidential Determination Suspending Limitations under the Jerusalem Embassy Act	Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 P.L. 104-45; Section 7
206	184	Progress Report on the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem	Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 P.L. 104-45; Section 6
207	185	Transfer to Iran of $1.7 billion on January 17, 2016	Sec. 7041(b)(3)(C) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244; (p. 528). referencing Sec. 7041(b)(3)(C) S. 3117, as introduced on June 29, 2016.
208	186	Report on Arrears	Sect. 7048(j) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 557)
209	187	Joint Strategy to Counter & Defeat Violent Extremism & Foreign Fighters Abroad	Sec. 7073(a)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 573)
210	188	Afghanistan Personnel Report	Sec. 7044(a)(1)(B) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 542)
211	189	Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003	22 USC 2151 Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 Section 6

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185		Annual -- L said no longer required. See G drive folder May 2017	12-May-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	B5
186		Annual	15-May-17	House Speaker, Senate President Pro Tempore; HFAC, SFRC	
187		Semiannual - Every 180 days -- check with NEA based on previous submission before tasking	17-May-17 Check with NEA if they agree with date due to legal timeframe.	Speaker House, President Senate	
188		Quarterly	18-May-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
189		Semiannual	18-May-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO; HFAC; SFRC; // Obtain clearance [redacted] before submitting	
190		Annual	18-May-17	HFAC, SFRC	B5
191		Annual	18-May-17	HFAC, SFRC, S. Banking, H. Financial, H Ways & Means	
192		Semiannual	19-May-17	HFAC; SFRC; HASC; SASC; H. Financial Services; S. Banking	
193		One-Time	22-May-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
194		Annual	23-May-17	HFAC; SFRC; HASC; SASC; H & S Intel; H & S Energy Committees	
195		Every 60 Days	24-May-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
196		Semiannual	26-May-17	SFRC, Senate Finance, Senate Banking, House Ways and Means, House Banking, and HFAC	
197		Semiannual	30-May-17	Speaker of the House; VP // Obtain clearance [redacted] before submitting to H	B5
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199		Annual	1-Jun-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
200		Annual	1-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC, H & S Judiciary	
201		Semiannual	1-Jun-17	H & S Armed Services, H & S Judiciary	
202		Two Times	1-Jun-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
203		Two Times	1-Jun-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
204		Annual	6/2/2017 -- June 3 is the statutory deadline.	House Speaker; Senate President	
205		Semiannual	2-Jun-17	House Speaker; SFRC	
206		Semiannual	2-Jun-17	House Speaker; SFRC	
207		One-Time	3-Jun-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
208		Quarterly, until 09/30/2018	3-Jun-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
209		One-Time	3-Jun-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
210		One-Time	3-Jun-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO	
211		Annual	9-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC	

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212	190	Combined War Powers Supplemental Report Consistent with the War Powers Resolution	War Powers Resolution P.L. 93-148 Section 4(c)
213	191	Regional Strategy to Address the Threat Posed by Boko Haram (Joint DOD Report)	An Act to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram. PL 114-266, Sec. 1 (a)
214	192	Embassy Construction Costs	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016. PL 114-323, Sec 118
215	193	Marine Corps Security Guard Program	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016. PL 114-323, Sec 131
216	194	Certification of Independence of Information Technology Systems of the Office of Inspector General of the Department of State and Broadcasting Board of Governors	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016. PL 114-323, Sec 202
217	195	Strategy and Implementation Plan for Combatting Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016. PL 114-323, Sec 301 (a)
218	196	Diversity Recruitment, Employment, Retention, and Promotion	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016. PL 114-323. Sec 410 (c)
219	197	Market Data for Cost-of-Living Adjustments	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016. PL 114-323, Sec 411 (a)
220	198	Foreign Service Families Workforce Study	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016. PL 114-323, Sec 417
221	199	A Plan for Undertaking Training for Foreign Service Officers for Human Rights, Religious Freedom, And Human Trafficking Training	Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act, PL 114 - 281, Sec. 103 (b)
222	200	Designated Persons List for Particularly Severe Violations of Religious Freedom	Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act, PL 114 - 281, Sec. 501
223	201	A Multi-Year Strategy for United States Engagement to Support the Efforts of Interested Nations in the Caribbean Region	United States–Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016 PL 114-291, Sec. 3
224	202	Employment of U.S. Citizens by Certain International Organizations	22 USC 276e-4: Employment of United States citizens by certain international organizations
225	203	Compliance Certification with Iranian Nuclear Agreements	42 USC 2160e
226		Annual Report on Progress – Long-term Strategy for Afghanistan (Five Year Strategy)	Intelligence Reform Act. '04; P.L. 108-458; Section 7104; Section 305 (b) (1)
227	204	Transparency in Extractive Industries Resource Payments	42 USC 17374: Transparency in Extractive Industries Resource Payments
228		Energy-Related Programs Being Conducted by the Department of State	42 USC 17371: Energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State
229	205	Protections, Remedies, and Limitations on Issuance for A–3 and G–5 Visas	8 USC 1375c: Protections, remedies, and limitations on issuance for A-3 and G-5 visas
230	206	Non-Compliance by the Russian Federation of Its Obligations Under the INF Treaty	22 USC 8929: Report on non-compliance by the Russian Federation of its obligations under the INF Treaty
231	207	Report On and Imposition of Sanctions with Respect to Serious Human Rights Abuses or Censorship in North Korea	22 USC 9243: Report on and imposition of sanctions with respect to serious human rights abuses or censorship in North Korea
232	208	FY17 Allocations & Proceeds of Sales - Embassy Security, Construction, & Maintenance	A proviso under the Embassy Security, Construction, & Maintenance heading of Title 1 of Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244; (p. 458)
233	209	Report on New Mexico City Embassy & Beirut Embassy Projects	Sec. 7004(h)(2) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 & "Embassy Security Construction & Maintenance" heading in H. Rpt. 114-693 (p.22-23)
234	210	Plan, Timeline, & Costs for Implementing the Foreign Assistance Data Review Findings Report (FADR) & OIG Recommendations	Sec. 7006(a) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244
235	211	Increasing International Participation in the Proliferation Security Initiative & Endorsement of the PSI Statement of Interdiction Principles	Sec. 7034(b)(11) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244; (p. 514)
236	212	Refugee Assistance in North Africa	Sec. 7041(i) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244; (p. 531)
237	213	U.S. Diplomatic & Assistance Strategy for South Sudan	Sec. 7042(i) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 536); referencing Sec. 4 of that Act & p. H4054 of the explanatory statement accompanying that Act.
238	214	United Nations Relief & Works Agency	Sec. 7048(d) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 555-556)
239	215	Withholding Report	Sec. 7048(g) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 556)

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212		Semiannual	5-Jun-17	House Speaker, Senate President
213		One-Time	12-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC; H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel
214		Annual	14-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC
215		Annual	14-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC; H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO; H & S Armed Services
216		Annual	15-Dec-17	HFAC, SFRC
217		One-Time	14-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC
218		Quadrennially	14-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC
219		One-Time	14-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC
220		One-Time	14-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC
221		One-Time	14-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC
222		Semiannual	14-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC, H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, S. Banking, Housing; H. Financial
223		One-Time	14-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC
224		Annual	14-Jun-17	House Speaker, HFAC & SFRC
225		Quarterly	16-Jun-17	HFAC; SFRC; H Financial Services; S. Finance; S. Banking; H Ways & Means; S & H Intel; House Speaker; Majority Minority Leaders House and Senate
226		**Annual -- Final Report, check to see if it will be extended**	17-Jun-14	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO,
227		Annual	16-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC
228		Every 2 years (next report due 2018)	16-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC
229		Every Two Years (odd number- due 2017)	16-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC, H & S Judiciary
230		Quarterly	16-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel
231		Every 180 Days (to be included in Annual Human Rights)	16-Jun-17	HFAC, SFRC, S. Banking, H. Financial, H Ways & Means
232		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
233		Quarterly until 09/30/2018	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
234		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
235		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
236		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
237		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
238		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
239		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO

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240	216	Countering Russian Influence Fund Spend Plan	Sec. 7070(d)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 572)
241	217	Efforts by the Government of the Russian Federation to Investigate & Prosecute Law Enforcement & Government Personnel Credibly Alleged to be Responsible for Gross Violations of Human Rights	Sec. 7070(f) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 573), referencing Sec. 7071(e) of Department of State, Foreign Operations, & Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2014 (P.L. 113-76)
242	218	Support of the Government of the Russian Federation for the Government of Syria & Iran	Sec. 7070(f) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 573), referencing Sec. 7071(e) of Department of State, Foreign Operations, & Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2014 (P.L. 113-76)
243	219	Actions Taken by the Government of the Russian Federation to Apply Pressure on Eastern Partnership Countries, an Assessment of Whether the Government of the Russian Federation is Violating its Obligations as a Member of the WTO, & Ensuring Eastern Partnership Countries Maintain Full Sovereignty in Foreign Policy	Sec. 7070(f) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 573), referencing Sec. 7071(b)(2) of Department of State, Foreign Operations, & Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2014 (P.L. 113-76)
244	220	State Department Federal Records Management Program, Including Operating Plan & Timeline, as Applicable	Sec. 7077(c)(3) & (4) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p.578)
245	221	Military Units That Have Been Assigned to Policing or Citizen Security Responsibilities in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador (Joint DoD report)	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114 - 328, Sec. 1069 (a)
246	222	How the United States is Supporting Its Defense Relationship with India (Joint DoD report)	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114 - 328, Sec. 1292 (a)
247	223	Resolution of the Cyprus Dispute	International Security Assistance Act P.L. 95-384; (22 USC 2373 (e))
248	224	Iraqi Compliance with UNSC Resolutions	P.L. 107-243; Sec. 4 - Use of Military Force Against Iraq
249	225	Unobligated Balances	Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016, PL 114-113, Section 7002
250	226	Report Pursuant to Section 303 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012	22 USC 8743: Identification of, and imposition of measures with respect to, foreign government agencies carrying out activities or transactions with certain Iran-affiliated persons
251	227	Jackson-Vanik Compliance Reports	19 USC 2432: Freedom of emigration in East-West trade
252	228	Visa Denials on Terrorist Grounds	22 USC 2723: Denial of Visas
253	229	Obligations and Outlays of Funds Overseen by S/GAC: PEPFAR	FY 04 Appropriations Conference Rpt, 108-401, pg 685 Foreign Operations Appro FY 04; P.L. 108-199; (Div D)
254	230	The President's Multilateral Diplomacy Initiative Regarding Oil from Iran	22 USC 8513a: Imposition of sanctions with respect to the financial sector of Iran
255	231	Section 203 Zika Report from U.S. Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development	Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act: P.L. 114-223, Div. B, Sec. 203
256	232	**Imposition Of Sanctions In Connection With Launches from Iran**	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114 - 328, Sec. 1226 (b)
257		**JULY**	
258	233	Annual U.S. Support for U.N. Peacekeeping Report	22 USC 287b: Reports to Congress by the President. Annual Report on Financial Contributions
259	234	Imposition of Sanctions With Respect to the Sale, Supply, or Transfer of Certain Materials to or from Iran	22 USC 8804: Imposition of Sanctions With Respect to the Sale, Supply, or Transfer of Certain Materials to or from Iran
260	235	U.S. Civil Nuclear Cooperation Implementation and Compliance Report	22 USC 8003: Waiver authority and congressional approval. (g) Reporting to Congress
261	236	U.S. Contributions to International Organizations	22 USC 287b
262	237	Foreign Military Financing Program Loans	Sec. 7034(b)(8)(D) of the Consolidated Appropriatins Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244; (p. 513-514)
263	240	Joint State/USAID Partner Vetting System Pilot Program	Sec. 7034€ of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244; (p. 515-516)

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240		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
241		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
242		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
243		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
244		One-Time	19-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
245		One-Time	21-Jun-17	SFRC, HFAC, H. & S. Armed Services
246		Annual	21-Jun-17	SFRC, HFAC, H. & S. Armed Services
247		Every 60 days	23-Jun-17	Speaker House & SFRC
248		Every 60 days	23-Jun-17	Speaker House & Senate President
249		Quarterly	30-Jun-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
250		Semiannual	30-Jun-17	HFAC; SFRC; H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, H & S Armed Services, H & S. Intelligence, H. Financial Services, S. Banking, H. Ways Mean, S. Finance
251		Semiannual	30-Jun-17	House Speaker; Senate President
252		Quarterly	30-Jun-17	SFRC; HFAC; House & Senate Judiciary
253		Quarterly	30-Jun-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC
254		Semiannual	30-Jun-17	HFAC; SFRC; HASC; SASC; H. Financial Services; S. Banking
255		Every 60 Days	30-Jun-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
256		Quarterly	30-Jun-17	SFRC, HFAC; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel; H Financial, S Banking
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258		Annual	1-Jul-17	HFAC, SFRC, Approps, HACFO, SACFO
259		Semiannual	1-Jul-17	SFRC, HFAC, S and H Armed Services, S Banking, S Finance, H Financial Services, H Ways and Means
260		Annual	1-Jul-17	HFAC; SFRC
261		Annual	1-Jul-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
262		One-Time	3-Jul-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO, H. Approps Subcommittee on Defense; S. Approps Subcommittee on Defense
263		One-Time	3-Jul-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO

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264	241	Report on Iran's Nuclear Program and the Compliance of Iran with the Agreement	42 USC 2160e (d)(4)
265		Arms Transfer and Regional Balance in the Middle East	Foreign Relations Authorization FY 92 - 93; P.L. 102-138; Section 404 (c) (22 USC 2278) -- -- REPEALED through Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016
266	242	Status Report on Cases Under Development for Major Defense Equipment Above Certain Thresholds	Sec. 7034(b)(8)(C) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 513) and p. H4053 of Division J of the accompanying explanatory statement
267	243	Suspending right to bring action under Title III of the LIBERTAD Act on Cuba (Helms-Burton)	Libertad Act of 1996 P.L. 104-114; Sec. 306 (c) (22 USC 6085)
268	244	Supplemental Assistance for Haiti	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2015, PL 113-235, Senate Report 113-195, Page 65. Refers to Section 1003(b) of PL 111-212, The Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010
269	245	Annual Report on Advancing Freedom and Democracy	22 USC 8221: Strategies, Priorities and Annual Report.
270	246	Joint State/DHS The Efficiency Improvements Made in the Process by which Applications for Special Immigrant Visas under Special Immigrant Status for Certain Iraqis Are Processed	National Defense Authorization Act FY14 PL 113-66, Sec. 1218 (g)
271	247	Joint State/DHS The Efficiency Improvements Made in the Process by which Applications for Special Immigrant Visas under Special Immigrant Status for Certain Afghans Are Processed	National Defense Authorization Act FY14 PL 113-66, Sec. 1219
272	248	Anticipated Uses of Such Funds on a Country and Project Basis for which the Obligation of Funds is Anticipated, Including Estimated Personnel and Administrative Costs	Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017, PL 114-254; Sec 204
273	249	Specific Actions Taken Against Countries Determined to have been Engaged in a Pattern of Noncompliance in Cases of International Child Abductions	Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2014, Sec. 202 of P.L. 113-150 (22 U.S.C. 9122(e)(4))
274	250	Conflict Minerals Map	Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act PL 111-203; Sec 1502 (c) (2)
275	251	Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund	MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012, Conference Report to Accompany HR 2055. Report 112-331, Page 487.
276	252	JADE Act: Burma's Timber Trade	Block Burmese Junta's Anti-Democratic Efforts Act of 2008; Sec. 12 of P.L. 110-286 : Burma's Timber Trade (50 U.S.C. 1701 note)
277	253	PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended.	Foreign Relations Authorization Act, PL 107-228; Sec. 804(b) of P.L. 101-246 Sec 803 (b) // Sec. 603 of P.L. 107-228
278	254	Expenditures for Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Services (a.k.a K Fund)	Foreign Relations Authorization Act FY88 and 89; P.L. 100-204; Section 124 // 22 USC 2680
279	255	Humanitarian Relief Supplies to Foreign Countries	10 USC Sec. 402 (c)
280	256	Representation Expenses	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 PL 114-113, Senate Report 114-79, Page 41
281		**AUGUST**	
282	257	Status of Achieving the Goals and Benchmarks in the Pakistan Spend Plan	Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016, PL 114-113, Division K, Section 7044 (d)(5)
283	258	Clean Diamond Trade Act: Kimberley Process Certification Scheme	Clean Diamond Trade Act P.L. 108-19; Section 12(a) // 19 USC 3911
284	259	Clean Diamond Trade Act: Kimberley Process Authority	Clean Diamond Trade Act P.L. 108-19: Section 12(b) // 19 USC 3904
285	260	Presidential Determination: Colombia Air Bridge Denial (ABD) Program	Sec. 1012 of the Defense Auth. Act of FY1995, as amended (22 USC Sec. 2291-4)
286	261	All Transfers to Another Agency of the United States Government	Sec. 7009(f) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 488)
287	262	Report on Prohibition on Taxation of U.S. Assistance	Sec. 7013(h) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 491)

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264		Semiannual	6-Jul-17	HFAC; SFRC; H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO; H Financial Services; S. Finance; S. Banking; H Ways & Means; S & H Intel; H Speaker; Majority Minority Leaders House and Senate
265		Annual	14-Jul-17	HFAC; SFRC
266		One-Time	12-Jul-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
267		Semiannual	13-Jul-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps - - No subcommittees
268		Every 180 Days	14-Jul-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
269		Annual	21-Jul-17	HFAC, SFRC
270		Quarterly	21-Jul-17	Website
271		Quarterly	21-Jul-17	Website
272		Every 60 Days	24-Jul-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
273		Annual	31-Jul-17	HFAC; SFRC
274		Semiannual	31-Jul-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC, Ways&Means, S. Finance, H. Financial Services, S. Banking
275		Quarterly (30 days after end of each fiscal quarter) -- continue as long as funding is available.	31-Jul-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
276		Annual	31-Jul-17	HFAC, SFRC, Ways & Means, S. Finance
277		Semiannual	31-Jul-17	House Speaker, SFRC, HFAC
278		Quarterly	31-Jul-17	HFAC, SFRC, H & S Approps, HACFO, SACFO
279		Annual	31-Jul-17	HFAC, SFRC, H & S Armed Services
280		Semiannual	31-Jul-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
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282		Every 6 Months until September 30, 2017	1-Aug-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
283		Annual	3-Aug-17	SFRC, HFAC, H Ways and Means, S Finance
284		Annual	3-Aug-17	SFRC, HFAC, H Ways and Means, S Finance
285		Annual	4-Aug-17	Select Committee Intelligence Senate; Permanent Select Committee Intelligence House
286		One-Time	4-Aug-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
287		One-Time	4-Aug-17	S.Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO

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288	263	Plan for Transitional Justice, Reconciliation, and Reintegration Programs for Vulnerable and Persecuted Religious Minorities in the Middle East and North Africa	Sec. 7033(b)(4)(A) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 510)
289	264	Leahy Vetting	Sec. 7034(b)(9)(A) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 514)
290	265	Steps Taken by the Palestinian Authority to Counter Incitement of Violence Against Israelis and to Promote Peace and Coexistence with Israel	Sec. 7041(l)(5) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 534)
291	266	Revised Strategy for United States Engagement in Afghanistan	Sec. 7044(a)(1)(A) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 542)
292	267	Assessment of Improper Taxes or Fees Levied by the Government of Afghanistan	Sec. 7044(a)(2)(E) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 544)
293	268	Afghanistan Goals and Benchmarks	Sec. 7044(a)(3) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 544)
294	269	Costs and Objectives Associated with Significant Infrastructure Projects Supported by the United States in Pakistan	Sec. 7044(c)(5)(B) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 547)
295	270	Update to United States Strategy for Engagement in Central America	Sec. 7045(a)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 548-549) and p. H4056 of the Explanatory Statement
296	271	Interagency Strategy to Support Women and Girls who are at Risk from Extremism and Conflict	Sec. 7059(e)(2) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 565)
297	272	Actions Taken by the Russian Federation to Further Consolidate the Occupation of the Georgian territories of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia	Sec. 7070(c)(4) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 572)
298	273	Any Plan to Restructure Military Assistance to Egypt	Sec. 7041(a)(4)(B) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 527)
299	274	Report on Real Estate Transactions	Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Conference Report 104-863 P. 833 (FY 1997 P.L. 104-208 (Bill H R 3610)
300	275	New London Embassy	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, PL 114-113 Section 7004 (e) (1) REFERS TO PL 112-74, Section 7004 (f)(2)
301	276	Politically Motivated Boycotts of, Divestment from, and Sanctions Against Israel	Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 (TFTEA) P.L. 114-125, Sec 909 (d)
302	277	Resolution of the Cyprus Dispute	International Security Assistance Act P.L. 95-384; (22 USC 2373 (e))
303	278	Iraqi Compliance with UNSC Resolutions	P.L. 107-243; Sec. 4 -- Use of Military Force Against Iraq
304	279	Presidential Determination: Presidential Determination on Trafficking in Persons Sanctions	Section 110(e) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, P.L.106-386 (22 USC 7107(e))
305	280	Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in UN Peacekeeping Missions	22 USC 7111: Report by Secretary of State Title 22 - Foreign Relations and Intercourse Chapter 78 -- Trafficking Victims Protection
306	281	Section 203 Zika Report from U.S. Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development	Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act; P.L. 114-223, Div. B, Sec. 203
307		**SEPTEMBER**	
308	282	Report on Membership of Iran in International Organizations	Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, P.L. 112-158, Sec. 506 // 22 USC 8773
309	283	A Detailed Description of the Credible Evidence Supporting the Change in Listing of the Country from Tier 3 to Tier 2 in an Annual Report on Trafficking in Persons in 2016	Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, PL 114-125, Section 914 (e) (C) (ii)
310	284	Restriction on Prior Approval of Democracy Programs	Sec. 7032(e) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 509)
311	285	Security Assistance Report (aka Uses of IMET FMF PKO funds)	Sec. 7034(b)(7) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 513)
312		Steps Taken or Planned to Increase the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Military Assistance and Sales Programs	Sec. 7034(b)(8)(B) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 513)
313	286	Spend Plan Regarding the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF)	Sec. 7041(f)(4) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 529-530) (Per Approps team, Spend Plan reports should be completed/tasked by BP.)
314	287	Multifaceted Anti-Human Trafficking Program in Guatemala	Sec. 7060(f)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 567) and H. Rpt.114-693, p. 93.
315	288	The Amount of Funds the United Nations Population Fund is Budgeting for the Year for a Country Program in the People's Republic of China	Sec. 7082(e) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 583)
316	289	Report on Arrears	Sect. 7048(j) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 557)
317	290	Compliance Certification with Iranian Nuclear Agreements	42 USC 2160e

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288		One-Time	4-Aug-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
289		One-Time	4-Aug-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO, SFRC, HFAC
290		One-Time	4-Aug-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
291		One-Time	4-Aug-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO, SFRC, HFAC
292		One-Time	4-Aug-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
293		Semiannual, until Sept 2018	4-Aug-17	HFAC, SFRC; H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
294		One-Time	4-Aug-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
295		One-Time	4-Aug-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
296		One-Time	4-Aug-17	unspecified - recommend H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
297		One-Time	4-Aug-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
298		One-Time	4-Aug-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
299		Quarterly	18-Aug-17	HFAC, SFRC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
300		Semiannual	22-Aug-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
301		Annual	22-Aug-17	HFAC, SFRC; H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO; H Speaker; S President(s)
302		Every 60 days	25-Aug-17	House Speaker; SFRC
303		Every 60 days	25-Aug-17	Speaker House & President Pro Tempore of the Senate
304		Annual	30-Aug-17	HFAC, SFRC, H. & S. Judiciary
305		Semiannual	31-Aug-17	HFAC, SFRC
306		Every 60 Days	31-Aug-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
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308		Annual	1-Sep-17	SFRC, Senate Finance, Senate Banking, House Ways and Means, H. Financial Services, and HFAC
309		Annual	1-Sep-17	HFAC; SFRC; H. Ways & Means, S. Finance
310		One-Time	1-Sep-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
311		One-Time	1-Sep-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
312		One-Time	1-Sep-17	SFRC, HFAC, S. Approps, H. Approps
313		One-Time	1-Sep-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
314		One-Time	1-Sep-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
315		One-Time	1-Sep-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
316		Quarterly, until 09/30/2018	3-Sep-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
317		Quarterly	15-Oct-17	HFAC; SFRC; H Financial Services; S. Finance; S. Banking; H Ways & Means; S & H Intel; House Speaker; Majority Minority Leaders House and Senate

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318	291	Global Trade Relating to Iran	Comprehensive Iran Sanctions Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, CISADA, P.L. 111-195, Sec 102 (d) // 50 USC 1701 note
319	292	Proposed Refugee Admissions	Refugee Act of 1980 P.L. 96-212; Section 207 (d)(1) and (e) Executive Order 12208 (8 USC 1157)
320	293	Presidential Determination of Major Narcotics and Illicit Drug Producing and Transit Countries	Foreign Relations Auth Act FY 03 P.L. 107-228; Sec. 706 (Submitted by POTUS) 22 USC 2291j-1
321	294	State Dept. Record of Overseas Deaths of U.S. Citizens	22 USC 2729 State Department records of overseas deaths of United States citizens from nonnatural causes *Reporting requirement fulfilled by updating the website.
322	295	Assistance by the United States for the Training of Palestinian Security Forces	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, PL 114-113, Section 7041 (j)(4) Refers to PL 110-252 Sec. 1404
323	296	Afghanistan Goals and Benchmarks	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, PL 114-113 Section 7044 (a)(3)
324	297	Report on New Mexico City Embassy & Beirut Embassy Projects	Sec. 7004(h)(2) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 & "Embassy Security Construction & Maintenance" heading in H. Rpt. 114-693 (p.22-23)
325	298	Non-Compliance by the Russian Federation of Its Obligations Under the INF Treaty	22 USC 8929: Report on non-compliance by the Russian Federation of its obligations under the INF Treaty
326	299	U.S. Participation in the UN	22 USC 287b (a): Reports to Congress by the President. Activities of the United Nations and of the participation of the United States therein.
327	300	**Anticipated Uses of Such Funds on a Country and Project Basis for which the Obligation of Funds is Anticipated, Including Estimated Personnel and Administrative Costs**	Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017, PL 114-254; Sec 204
328	301	**Report on Investments in the Energy Sector of Iran**	22 USC 8518: Reports on Investments in the Energy Sector of Iran
329		Report on Certain Activities of Export Credit Agencies of Foreign Countries (Iran)	CISADA, PL 111-195, Sec 111 (a)
330	302	Presidential Determination: Proposed Refugee Admissions	Section 207 (b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157(d)) (Submitted by POTUS) Executive Order 12208
331	303	Loan Guarantees to Israel	Wartime Supplemental Appropriations FY03; P.L. 108-11; 117 Stat. 576; PL 112-150 Sec. 5 (b)
332	304	Obligations and Outlays of Funds Overseen by S/GAC - PEPFAR	FY 04 Appropriations Conference Rpt, 108-401, pg 685 Foreign Operations Appro FY 04; P.L. 108-199; (Div D)
333	305	PEPFAR Treatment Report	22 USC. 7611(g))
334	306	Presidential Determination Package on the Child Soldiers Prevention Act	Child Soldier Prevention Act of 2008, PL 110-457, Sections 404 (c), 404 (d) and 404 (e) // **22 USC 2370c-1: Prohibition**
335	307	Unobligated Balances	Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016. PL 114-113. Section 7002
336	308	Report on Privacy Activities	Section 803(f) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law 110-53, codified at 42 USC 2000ee-1.
337	309	Visa Denials on Terrorist Grounds	22 USC 2723; Denial of Visas
338	310	Iran, North Korea and Syria Nonproliferation Act	Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999 P.L. 106-178; Section 2 (b) // P.L. 109-112, Sec. 4 [S. 527 from 110th Congress]. 50 USC 1701
339	311	Section 203 Zika Report from U.S. Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development	Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act; P.L. 114-223, Div. B, Sec. 203
340	312	**Imposition Of Sanctions In Connection With Launches from Iran**	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114 - 328, Sec. 1226 (b)
341	313	The Use of Contracts, Grants, and Cooperative Agreements in the Conduct of Democracy Programs with Funds	Sec. 7032(h)(2) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 509-510)
342	314	Resolutions Considered in the United Nations Human Rights Council During the Previous 12 months, and on Steps Taken to Remove Israel as a Permanent Agenda Item	Sec. 7048(c) of of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 555)
343		**REPORTS TO ADD TO FY 18 LIST**	
344		Major Wildlife Trafficking Countries	Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 PL 114-231, Sec. 201

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318		Annual	12-Sep-17	SFRC; HFAC; S. Finance; H. Financial Services; S. Banking; H. Ways Means
319		Annual	12-Sep-17	House & Senate Judiciary
320		Annual	15-Sep-17	HFAC, SFRC; H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
321		Semiannual	15-Sep-17	Website
322		Semiannual	15-Sep-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
323		Semiannual -- Until Sept 30, 2017. Should be last report.	15-Sep-17	HFAC, SFRC; H. Approps. S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
324		Quarterly until 09/30/2018	19-Sep-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
325		Quarterly	19-Sep-17	HFAC, SFRC; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel
326		Annual	22-Sep-17	Speaker House; President Senate; SFRC, HFAC, H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
327		Every 60 Days	22-Sep-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
328		Semiannual	28-Sep-17	SFRC, Senate Finance, Senate Banking, House Ways and Means, House Banking, and HFAC
329		Annual (As new information becomes available)	26-Sep-14	SFRC; HFAC; S. Finance; H. Financial Services; S. Banking; H. Ways Means
330		Annual	29-Sep-17	House Judiciary; Senate Judiciary
331		Annual	29-Sep-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC // Pam Lewis from PRM said the PD will usually be late because S has to have face-to-face consultations w/ Congress before PD can be sent
332		Quarterly	29-Sep-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, HFAC, SFRC
333		Annual	29-Sep-17	Update Public Website
334		Annual	29-Sep-17	HFAC, SFRC, H. Approps. S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
335		Quarterly	29-Sep-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
336		Semiannual	29-Sep-17	H&S Judiciary, H&S Intel, House Oversigh Gov Reform, Senate Homeland
337		Quarterly	29-Sep-17	SFRC; HFAC; House & Senate Judiciary
338		Semiannual	29-Sep-17	HFAC, SFRC
339		Every 60 Days	29-Sep-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
340		Quarterly	29-Sep-17	SFRC, HFAC; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel; H Financial, S Banking
341		One-Time	30-Sep-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
342		One-Time	30-Sep-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
343				
344		Annual	6-Oct-17	HFAC, SFRC; H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO

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345		**Anticipated Uses of Such Funds on a Country and Project Basis for which the Obligation of Funds is Anticipated, Including Estimated Personnel and Administrative Costs**	Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017, PL 114-254; Sec 204
346		Lateral Entry Into the Foreign Service	Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016, PL 114-323 Sec. 301 (a)
347		Global Engagement Center	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114 - 328, Sec. 1287 (g)
348		IMPLEMENTING DECISION OF THE OPEN SKIES CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114 - 328, Sec. 1236 (b)
349		**Imposition Of Sanctions In Connection With Launches from Iran**	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, PL 114 - 328, Sec. 1226 (b)
350		Designated Persons List for Particularly Severe Violations of Religious Freedom	Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act, PL 114 - 281, Sec. 501 amends 22 U.S.C. 6471 et seq. Sec. 605 (b)
351		A Multi-Year Strategy for United States Engagement to Support the Efforts of Interested Nations in the Caribbean Region	United States–Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016 PL 114-291, Sec. 3
352		Progress Report of A Multi-Year Strategy for United States Engagement to Support the Efforts of Interested Nations in the Caribbean Region	United States–Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016 PL 114-291, Sec. 5
353		Credits Attributable to the United States, Including From the United Nations Tax Equalization Fund, and Provide Updated Fiscal Year 2017 & Fiscal Year 2018 Assessment Costs Including Offsets from Available Credits & Updated Foreign Currency Exchange Rates	A proviso under the International Organizations, Contributions to International Organizations heading of Title I of Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244; (p. 459)
354		Report on Arrears	Sect. 7048(j) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244, (p. 557)
355		Report on New Mexico City Embassy & Beirut Embassy Projects	Sec. 7004(h)(2) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 & "Embassy Security Construction & Maintenance" heading in H. Rpt. 114-693 (p.22-23)
356		Status of Diplomatic Relations Between the United States and the Philippines and Assistance to the Philippines, and other matters	Sec. 7043(f) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 541); p. H4055 of the Explanatory Statement; S. Rpt. 114-290; and S. Rpt. 114-79
357		Afghanistan Goals and Benchmarks	Sec. 7044(a)(3) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 544)
358		Availability of Funds	Sec. 7011 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 489)
359		Anti-Kleptocracy and Human Rights	Sec. 7031(c)(4) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 506-507)
360		Multi-year Strategy for the Promotion of Democracy Abroad	Sec. 7032(a)(2) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 508)
361		Update to Sec. 2106 Report on Palestinian Authority	Sec. 7039(g) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 524) and Sec. 2016 of PL 109-13
362		The Status of the Implementation and Enforcement of Bilateral United States and Multilateral Sanctions Against Iran and Actions Taken by the United States and the International Community to Enforce such Sanctions against Iran	Sec. 7041(b)(3)(B) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 527-528)
363		Sole Source Awards	Sec. 7006(d) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 486)
364		Afghanistan Goals and Benchmarks	Sec. 7044(a)(3) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 544)
365		Reimbursement of Foreign Taxes	Sec. 7013(b) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-244 (p. 489)

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345		Every 60 Days	24-Nov-17	H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
346		Annual	15-Dec-17	SFRC, HFAC
347		One-Time	30-Jun-18	HFAC, SFRC; H Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, H. & S. Armed Services, H. & S. Homeland
348		One-Time	?	SFRC, HFAC; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel
349		Quarterly	29-Dec-17	SFRC, HFAC; H & S Armed Services; H & S Intel; H Financial, S Banking
350		Semiannual	11-Dec-17	HFAC, SFRC, H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO, S. Banking, Housing; H. Financial
351		Semiannual	14-Dec-17	HFAC, SFRC
352		One-Time	14-Jun-19	HFAC, SFRC
353		Two Times	30-Oct-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
354		Quarterly, until 09/30/2018	1-Dec-17	H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
355		Quarterly until 09/30/2018	19-Dec-17	H Approps, HACFO, S Approps, SACFO
356		One-Time	30-Nov-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
357		Semiannual, until Sept 2018	2-Feb-18	HFAC, SFRC; H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
358		One-Time	30-Oct-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
359		One-Time	3-Nov-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO, H and S Judiciary
360		One-Time	3-Nov-17	SFRC, HFAC, S Approps, H Approps, SACFO, HACFO
361		One-Time	3-Nov-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
362		One-Time	3-Nov-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO, SFRC, HFAC
363		One-Time	31-Dec-17	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO
364		Semiannual, until Sept 2018	2-Aug-18	HFAC, SFRC; H. Approps, S. Approps, HACFO, SACFO
365		One-Time	30-Sep-18	S. Approps, H. Approps, SACFO, HACFO

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Cc: IO-PG <IO-PG@state.gov>
Subject: Clearance: UNSC / DPRK
Attach: PG 07-06-17 Emergency UNSC Meeting on DPRK.docx

Good afternoon colleagues,

For your clearance, please find press guidance on yesterday's UNSC emergency meeting on DPRK.

Just FYI, EAP has separate guidance up on trade issues related to DPRK.

Many thanks,

Cain Harrelson
Public Diplomacy Chief

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Key Quotes:

Ambassador Haley's July 5 remarks to the UN Security Council:

"The United States does not seek conflict. In fact, we seek to avoid it. We seek only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and an end to the threatening actions by North Korea. Regrettably, we're witnessing just the opposite. Make no mistake, North Korea's launch of an ICBM is a clear and sharp military escalation. The North Korean regime openly states that its missiles are intended to deliver nuclear weapons to strike cities in the United States, South Korea, and Japan. And now it has a greater capacity to do so."

"The United States is prepared to use the full range of our capabilities to defend ourselves and our allies. One of our capabilities lies with our considerable military forces. We will use them if we must, but we prefer not to have to go in that direction."

"There are countries that are allowing – even encouraging – trade with North Korea in violation of UN Security Council resolutions. Such countries would also like to continue their trade arrangements with the United States. That's not going to happen. Our attitude on trade changes when countries do not take international security threats seriously. Before the path to a peaceful solution is entirely closed, however, there remains more that the international community can and must do diplomatically and economically."

"In the coming days, we will bring before the Security Council a resolution that raises the international response in a way that is proportionate to North Korea's new escalation. I will not detail that resolution here today, but the options are all known to us. If we are unified, the international community can cut off the major sources of hard currency to the North Korean regime."

"Yesterday's ICBM escalation requires an escalated diplomatic and economic response. Time is short. Action is required. The world is on notice. If we act together, we can still prevent a catastrophe, and we can rid the world of a grave threat. If we fail to act in a serious way, there will be a different response."

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Background:

Associated Press: US warns North Korea that diplomatic window is closing

Wednesday, July 05, 2017

https://apnews.com/8333a484a9c34b1cbea58f1f9a92e7b7/US-warns-North-Korea-that-diplomatic-window-is-closing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States warned Wednesday that North Korea was "quickly closing off" the prospect of a diplomatic resolution to its provocations, as the Trump administration launched a government-wide effort to identify options for confronting Pyongyang following its unprecedented intercontinental ballistic missile launch.

President Donald Trump and other senior officials dangled the prospect of punishing countries that trade with North Korea — a threat aimed directly at China, Pyongyang's biggest benefactor. In a tweet Wednesday morning, Trump questioned why the U.S. should continue what he sees as bad trade deals "with countries that do not help us."

North Korea's first launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) threatens to put U.S. President Donald Trump's skills as a diplomat to the test, as he starts his second international trip as president. (July 5)

Some administration officials are still holding out hope of persuading China to ratchet up economic pressure on Pyongyang, despite Trump's increasingly pessimistic attitude toward Beijing. Trump, who departed for Europe early Wednesday, is scheduled to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Germany.

Thus far, both China and North Korea have proven to be impervious to Trump's tough talk and threatening tweets. Pyongyang heightened tensions this week with the test of a missile capable of hitting the U.S., a step officials described as a worrisome escalation by an unpredictable regime and perhaps the most pressing threat facing a new U.S. president with little national security experience.

Following the launch, the White House, Treasury Department, State Department, Pentagon and intelligence agencies accelerated discussions on options for responding to Pyongyang's nuclear pursuits. The talks center in part on the same bucket of ideas prior administrations have considered, including direct diplomatic negotiations and pre-emptive military action.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting Wednesday to discuss the matter. Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, called Pyongyang's missile launch "a clear and sharp military escalation." She said that while the U.S. is not seeking a military confrontation, military options are indeed on the table.

"Their actions are quickly closing off the possibility of a diplomatic solution," she said.

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South Korea's president, meanwhile, said the world should look at tougher sanctions against North Korea and insisted the problems across his border should be addressed through diplomatic channels.

"I think that the North Korean question should be solved by peaceful means," said President Moon Jae-in, who will also meet Trump at the G-20 gathering.

The North Korean threat appears certain to hang over Trump's European trip, which opens in Poland. Trump is expected to use the trip to try to forge consensus with European Union partners, which could also put more financial pressure on North Korea.

As he flew to Warsaw on Air Force One on Wednesday, Trump also spoke by phone about North Korea with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, emphasizing the need for countries to implement Security Council resolutions. The White House said Trump also discussed the need for nations to "stop hosting North Korean guest workers" — an issue Secretary of State Rex Tillerson also mentioned in his response a night earlier to the missile launch.

Restricting guest workers is one way the U.S. and other countries could try to reduce North Korea's access to foreign currency. Some 50,000 to 60,000 North Koreans work abroad, mostly in Russia and China, South Korea's spy service has said, including at about 130 restaurants North Korea operates overseas. The workers' mission involves earning money to bring into North Korea.

North Korea conducts about 90 percent of its trade through China, giving Beijing enormous sway over the reclusive government. Despite forging a friendly relationship with Xi, Trump has become increasingly dismayed at China's reluctance to take tougher action against North Korea. He asserted Wednesday that "trade between China and North Korea grew almost 40% in the first quarter."

In April, Chinese customs data said total two-way trade between China and North Korea increased 36.8 percent in the first quarter of this year compared with the same period a year earlier. However, raw data from the first quarter showed that total two-way trade increased by only 7.4 percent. It was unclear why the customs agency reported a higher rate.

Anthony Ruggiero, a North Korea expert at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, said the U.S. could try to prod Beijing to take a tougher line on North Korea by exploiting Chinese banks and other companies' desire for access to the U.S. dollar.

"The administration can give them a choice: Do business with North Korea or have access to the U.S. financial system," Ruggiero said.

The Trump administration signaled its willingness to take that approach last week when it announced it was blacklisting a small Chinese bank over dealings with North Korea.

China has long resisted intensifying economic pressure on neighboring North Korea, in part out of fear of the instability that could mount on its doorstep, including the possibility of millions of North Koreans fleeing into China. China has also been concerned that a reunited, democratic Korea — dominated by South Korea — would put a U.S. ally, and possibly U.S. forces, on its border.

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 21, 2019

Case No. F-2015-04628
Segments: S/ES-S-0055, S/ES-S-0056

Mr. David N. Bossie
Citizens United
1006 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Bossie:

I refer to our letter dated May 23, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under of the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The processing of documents responsive to your request is ongoing and has yielded 80 additional documents that correspond to the dates listed in paragraph 9.e.11 of the June 27, 2016 Joint Status Report. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that 39 may be released in full and 41 may be released in part.

All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney Joseph Borson at (202) 514-1944 or joseph.borson@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number F-2015-04628 and civil action number 1:15-cv-01720 in all communications about this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
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Enclosures: As stated

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

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- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

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- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

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FYI- [redacted] on Monday morning. I will have a look and clear tomorrow once I've seen some comments from key folks. I wanted you to be sure to see in case it is delegated. B5

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Urgent CLR: [redacted] B5

All,
Attached for urgent clearance is a draft AA for a [redacted] B5
Please send any edits and clearance **as soon as possible on Sunday**. Close hold on the memo and attachments please.

Thanks,
Carol
office: 202-736-4440
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From: Hammond, R.C.
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Subject: For NSC Clearance

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Cc: Hook, Brian H
Subject: RE: For NSC Clearance

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Made a few changes. [redacted] I know HR will want that. B5

Can I share with him?

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From: Eng, Emily E (S)
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Hook, Brian H; Hammond, R.C.
Subject: FW: ACTION: Updated DPRK Press Points
Attachments: DPRK ICBM TPS [redacted] DOCX

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Importance: High

FYI: Please see attached

-----Original Message-----
From: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:06 PM
To: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings
Subject: ACTION: Updated DPRK Press Points
Importance: High

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All -
Good Afternoon - please pass the attached press points to your Principal [redacted] and confirm when the points have been passed.
Thank you,
Lauren

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The Secretary suggest two edits to the Press Points for DPRK ICBM Launch, tracked changes attached

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Subject: Re: [redacted] B5

Thank you. Releasing to the media.

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On Jul 4, 2017, at 5:57 PM, Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC <[redacted]> wrote: B6

STATEMENT FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE REX W. TILLERSON

The United States strongly condemns North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. Testing an ICBM represents a new escalation of the threat to the U.S., our allies and partners, the region, and the world.

Global action is required to stop a global threat. Any country that hosts North Korean guest workers, provides any economic or military benefits, or fails to fully implement UN Security Council resolutions is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime. All nations should publicly demonstrate to North Korea that there are consequences to their pursuit of nuclear weapons. We intend to bring North Korea's provocative action before the UN Security Council and enact stronger measures to hold the DPRK accountable.

The United States seeks only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the end of threatening actions by North Korea. As we, along with others, have made clear, we will never accept a nuclear-armed North Korea.

The President and his national security team are continuing to assess the situation in close coordination with our allies and partners.

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Cc: DL NSC Press; DL NSC Asia
Subject: CLEARED TPs on North Korea missile launch
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Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Ouimet, Matthew J
Cc: Almquist, Peter B; Applegate, James D; Austin, Jeffrey M; Bailey, Robert H; Barron, Benjamin A; Biers, Dan L; Brandon.White@[redacted] Cara G. Negrette; Cartin, Joshua M; Chalmers, Jennifer A; David.Park@[redacted] Davis, Carlisle R (Charlie); de Guzman, Janina M; Dolan,; Brewer, Eric M. EOP/NSC; Evans, Peter O; Flaherty, Erin C.; Gile, Robertson S; Grant, Rachel R; Hay, Andrew W; Hay, Jeffrey M; Hess, Ashley A; Iovino, James P; Jallorina, Jay J; Janie.Eng@[redacted] Jesse.Sucher@[redacted] Black, Joshua J. EOP/NSC; Julie.Lascar@[redacted] Katherine.Ford@[redacted]; Katwan, Ron B; Kim, Shaun; Kim, Y. Kevin; Kraut, Benjamin; Bray, Leah EOP/NSC; Lee, David Y; McCandless, Daniel C; Mihailescu, Andrea R [redacted] Peter.Chessick@[redacted] Rasheed, Zohaib; Ried, Curtis R; Riskind, Zachary M; Rupert, Aaron J; Sean Oehlbert; Sheives, Kevin W; Shufflebarger, Jamie; Sidler, Edna J; Simmons, Bradford A; Simonoff, Mark A; Tabron, Elizabeth J; Townley, Stephen G; Tsai, Pei J; Turner, Julie E (DRL); Vaughan, Rachel; Wang, Mimi; Wayman, James L; Zarzecki, Thomas; IO-Sanctions-DL; INR Sanctions; (U) Reeves, Mark; angela.harris-clark@[redacted]; anthony.christino@[redacted] ISN-Interdiction Team-DL; ISN-UN Sanctions-DL; Jeffrey.Klang@[redacted] Nagy, Nathan; Paul.Devoti@[redacted] Pearlstein, Michael D; Steven Schrader; Wells, David L B6
Subject: Re: Transcript of Amb. Haley's July 5 remarks on DPRK ICBM launch

Thanks, Matthew.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 10:49 AM, Ouimet, Matthew J <OuimetMJ@state.gov<mailto:OuimetMJ@state.gov>> wrote:

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the remarks of Ambassador Haley to yesterday's emergency UN Security Council meeting on the DPRK ICBM launch. What follows are both her scripted remarks—as delivered—and her response to the Russian presentation which she offered toward the conclusion of the session. If you would like to watch the recorded session, you can find it here: http://webtv.un.org/live-now/watch/security-council-non-proliferation-democratic-peoples-republic-of-korea-7996th-meeting/5454562543001.

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Remarks at an Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on Nonproliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Ambassador Nikki Haley U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations U.S. Mission to the United Nations New York City July 5, 2017

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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To my friends on the Security Council, I must say that today is a dark day. It is a dark day because yesterday's actions by North Korea made the world a more dangerous place. Their illegal missile launch was not only dangerous, but reckless and irresponsible. It showed that North Korea does not want to be part of a peaceful world. They have cast a dark shadow of conflict on all nations that strive for peace.

Yesterday's act came from the same vicious dictator who sent a young college student back home to his parents, unresponsive and in a coma. For Americans, the true nature of the North Korean regime was painfully brought home with the images of two guards holding Otto Warmbier up as they transported him from a prison he should never have been in. Otto Warmbier is but one person out of millions who have been killed, tortured, or deprived of their human rights by the North Korean regime.

To Americans, the death of one innocent person can be as powerful as the death of millions. Because all men and women are created in God's image, depravity toward one is a sure sign of willingness to do much more harm.

The nature of the North Korean regime is clear; only the scale of the damage it does could become different. That's why yesterday's escalation is so alarming. If North Korea will treat an innocent young student the way it treated Otto Warmbier, we should not be surprised if it acts barbarically on a larger scale.

The United States does not seek conflict. In fact, we seek to avoid it. We seek only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and an end to the threatening actions by North Korea. Regrettably, we're witnessing just the opposite. Make no mistake, North Korea's launch of an ICBM is a clear and sharp military escalation. The North Korean regime openly states that its missiles are intended to deliver nuclear weapons to strike cities in the United States, South Korea, and Japan. And now it has a greater capacity to do so.

In truth, it is not only the United States and our allies that are threatened. North Korea's destabilizing escalation is a threat to all nations in the region and beyond. Their actions are quickly closing off the possibility of a diplomatic solution.

The United States is prepared to use the full range of our capabilities to defend ourselves and our allies. One of our capabilities lies with our considerable military forces. We will use them if we must, but we prefer not to have to go in that direction. We have other methods of addressing those who threaten us and of addressing those who supply the threats. We have great capabilities in the area of trade. President Trump has spoken repeatedly about this. I spoke with him at length about it this morning.

There are countries that are allowing – even encouraging – trade with North Korea in violation of UN Security Council resolutions. Such countries would also like to continue their trade arrangements with the United States. That's not going to happen. Our attitude on trade changes when countries do not take international security threats seriously. Before the

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path to a peaceful solution is entirely closed, however, there remains more that the international community can and must do diplomatically and economically.

In the coming days, we will bring before the Security Council a resolution that raises the international response in a way that is proportionate to North Korea's new escalation. I will not detail that resolution here today, but the options are all known to us. If we are unified, the international community can cut off the major sources of hard currency to the North Korean regime. We can restrict the flow of oil to their military and their weapons programs. We can increase air and maritime restrictions. We can hold senior regime officials accountable.

The international community has spoken frequently against the illegal and dangerous actions of the North Korean regime. For many years, there have been numerous UN sanctions against North Korea. But they have been insufficient to get them to change their destructive course. So in order to have an impact – in order to move North Korea off its military escalation – we must do more. We will not look exclusively at North Korea. We will look at any country that chooses to do business with this outlaw regime. We will not have patience for stalling or talking our way down to a watered-down resolution.

Yesterday's ICBM escalation requires an escalated diplomatic and economic response. Time is short. Action is required. The world is on notice. If we act together, we can still prevent a catastrophe, and we can rid the world of a grave threat. If we fail to act in a serious way, there will be a different response.

Much of the burden of enforcing UN sanctions rests with China. Ninety percent of trade with North Korea is from China. We will work with China. We will work with any and every country that believes in peace. But we will not repeat the inadequate approaches of the past that have brought us to this dark day.

We cannot forget the multiple missile tests this year or yesterday's escalation. We cannot forget Otto Warmbier and others North Korea continues to hold. We cannot forget the threats to our friends and allies around the world. We will not forget. And we will not delay.

Thank you.

Response at an Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on Nonproliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Ambassador Nikki Haley U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations U.S. Mission to the United Nations New York City July 5, 2017

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I thank you for holding this meeting in the public and allowing us all to voice our concerns.

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I first wanted to tell my Russian friends that not only has the Secretary-General said this was an ICBM, and the U.S. has said this is an ICBM, North Korea has said this was an ICBM. So if you need any sort of intelligence to let you know that the rest of the world sees this as ICBM, I'm happy to provide it.

Secondly, in reference to being opposed to sanctions on North Korea – this Council all knows we have done repeated resolutions, and nothing has happened. If you are happy with North Korea's actions, veto it. If you want to be a friend to North Korea, veto it. But if you see this as a threat, if you see this for what it is, which is North Korea showing its muscle, then you need to stand strong and vote with the international community to strengthen sanctions on North Korea.

And if you choose not to, we will go our own path. But it makes no sense to not join together on this threat against North Korea. They have not had any care for Russia or China in this, they have not listened to anything that you've said. They're not going to listen to anything that you say. And so it's time that we all stand together and say we will not put up with this action. To sit there and oppose sanctions, or to sit there and go in defiance of a new resolution means you're holding the hands of Kim Jong Un.

Thank you.

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Matthew J. Ouimet, Ph.D.
Sanctions Officer
Office of Peace Operations, Sanctions, and Counterterrorism Bureau of International Organization Affairs U.S. Department of State Washington, DC 20520

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Yun, Joseph Y
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 12:26 PM
To: Thornton, Susan A; Hammond, R.C.
Cc: Applegate, James D
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] points with tweaks

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RC, Susan: How about something like this as S statement? [redacted] B5

[redacted] Joe

From: Applegate, James D <ApplegateJD@state.gov>
Date: July 4, 2017 at 9:51:50 AM MDT
To: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC <[redacted] B6
Cc: Hsieh, Audrey <HsiehA1@state.gov>, Yun, Joseph Y <YunJY@state.gov>, Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC [redacted] Cintron, Dan <[redacted] B6
Subject: RE: [redacted] points with tweaks B5

Thanks Allison. This looks great to me. Joe recommended including the point below, which I think it valuable. Is this ok with you?

[redacted] B5

I will clean up the edits and send it back to you. [redacted] B5

[redacted]

Thanks,

James

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From: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC [mailto [redacted] B6
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Applegate, James D
Cc: Yun, Joseph Y; Hsieh, Audrey; Cintron, Dan; Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC
Subject: [redacted] points with tweaks B5

James,

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Thanks, Allison

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S
Cc: Rebholz, Jason P
Subject: RE: Quick: any 'draft' State statement?

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[redacted] I think the language below should be OBE. B5

Thanks,

James

[redacted] B5

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From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Rebholz, Jason P; Brown, Clinton S; Thornton, Susan A; Madyun, Munir D; Douglas, Walter T; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EAP-FO-Principals-DL; EAP-FO-OMS-DL
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: RE: Quick: any 'draft' State statement?

Tad,

To supplement the statement that is in the works, we worked [redacted]. Our understanding was these could potentially be used after the S and Secdef statements are released, but that everything was on hold until after [redacted] B5 B5

James

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From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Rebholz, Jason P; Brown, Clinton S; Thornton, Susan A; Madyun, Munir D; Douglas, Walter T; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EAP-FO-Principals-DL; EAP-FO-OMS-DL
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: RE: Quick: any 'draft' State statement?

Clinton,

We heard that RC Hammond had the lead on this and had been in touch with S directly. [redacted] I understand a statement isn't likely to go until after [redacted] B5

James

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From: Rebholz, Jason P
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S; Thornton, Susan A; Madyun, Munir D; Douglas, Walter T; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EAP-FO-Principals-DL; Applegate, James D; EAP-FO-OMS-DL
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: Re: Quick: any 'draft' State statement?

+Mark

Jason P. Rebholz
Deputy Director
Office of Korean Affairs (EAP/K)
O: 202-647-7868

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M: [redacted] B6

From: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>
Date: July 4, 2017 at 3:06:32 PM EDT
To: Madyun, Munir D <MadyunMD@state.gov>, Applegate, James D <ApplegateJD@state.gov>, EAP-FO-OMS-DL <EAP-FO-OMS-DL@state.gov>, Rebholz, Jason P <RebholzJP@state.gov>, Douglas, Walter T <DouglasWT@state.gov>, EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>, Thornton, Susan A <ThorntonSA@state.gov>, EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>, EAP-FO-Principals-DL <EAP-FO-Principals-DL@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: Quick: any 'draft' State statement?

Is anyone tracking a draft State statement on this issue? Apparently [redacted] is referring to a State draft? B5

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From: Douglas, Walter T
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Madyun, Munir D <MadyunMD@state.gov>; Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>; Thornton, Susan A <ThorntonSA@state.gov>; EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>; EAP-FO-OMS-DL <EAP-FO-OMS-DL@state.gov>; EAP-FO-Principals-DL <EAP-FO-Principals-DL@state.gov>; EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>; Rebholz, Jason P <RebholzJP@state.gov>; Applegate, James D <ApplegateJD@state.gov>
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Checking in: EAP staffing

Dear Tad,

I am an EAP DAS and was acting assistant secretary for EAP yesterday. Jason Rebholz is deputy director in the Korea office. James Applegate is Korea desk officer. We are all available.

Joe Yun, the DAS for Korea, is returning to Washington tonight and will be in the office tomorrow. Regards. Walter.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Madyun, Munir D
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 9:43 AM
To: Brown, Clinton S; Thornton, Susan A; EAP-Staffers Mailbox; EAP-FO-OMS-DL; EAP-FO-Principals-DL; EAP-Staffers Mailbox
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: RE: Checking in: EAP staffing

+ a few others.

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From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Thornton, Susan A <ThorntonSA@state.gov>; EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>

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Cc: S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Subject: Checking in: EAP staffing

Good morning and Happy 4th. I see on Senior USG Whereabouts that A/S Thornton is on annual leave. As we're working to respond to last night's events, could you give me a sense of who EAP has on hand to help with questions, approvals, etc., including IF we need a senior official to come in? Thanks, Tad
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL
Subject: FW: DPRK ICBM TPS
Attachments: DPRK ICBM TPS.docx

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Per the NSC, here are the points [redacted] B5

James

-----Original Message-----
From: Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC [mailto [redacted] B6
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Applegate, James D; Smith, Austin M
Subject: DPRK ICBM TPS

James, Austin,

Here are the final press points [redacted] B5

Thank you, Allison

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 5:14 PM
To: Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC
Cc: Hammond, R.C.
Subject: Re: For NSC Clearance

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I like the change you made.

On Jul 4, 2017, at 5:08 PM, Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC < [redacted] > wrote: B6

Made a few changes. [redacted] I know HR will want that. B5

Can I share with him?

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[redacted] B5

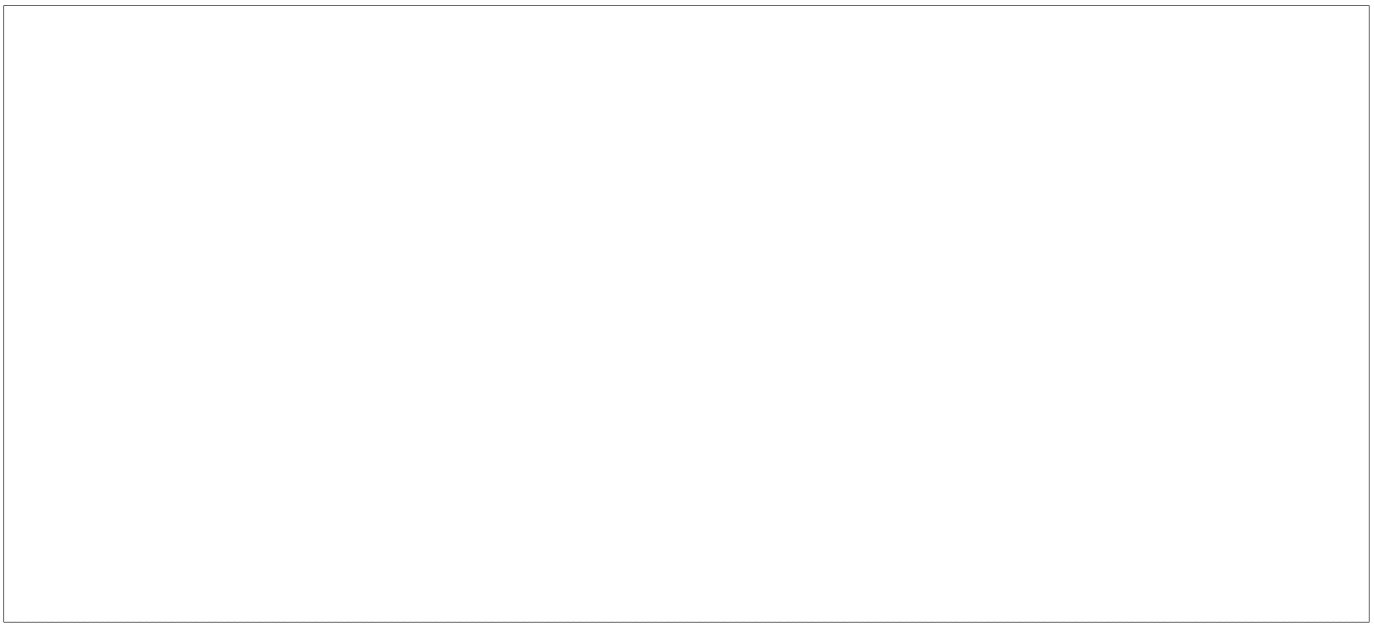
From: Hammond, R.C. [mailto:HammondRC@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:05 PM
To: Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC [redacted] B6
Cc: Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov>
Subject: For NSC Clearance

For review and clearance:

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 5:19 PM
To: Operations Center; Piazza, Lucia C; S_SpecialAssistants
Cc: SES-O_SWO; SES_4
Subject: RE: ACTION: Updated DPRK Press Points

Thank you. We have received. Tad

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From: Operations Center
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Brown, Clinton S <BrownCS@state.gov>; Piazza, Lucia C <PiazzaLC@state.gov>; S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Cc: SES-O_SWO <SES-O_SWO@state.gov>; SES_4 <SES_4@state.gov>
Subject: FW: ACTION: Updated DPRK Press Points
Importance: High

Tad, Lucia-

Forwarding the below press points per the NSC's request, for the Secretary's awareness.

Thank you,
Amanda

Amanda Zafian
Senior Watch Officer
State Department Operations Center
(202) 647-1512

-----Original Message-----
From: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings [mailto [redacted] B6
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:06 PM
To: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings [redacted] B6
Subject: ACTION: Updated DPRK Press Points
Importance: High

All -
Good Afternoon - please pass the attached press points to your Principal [redacted] and confirm when the points have been passed. B5
Thank you,
Lauren

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hammond, R.C.
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Greenan, Robert J; PA Press Duty; Nauert, Heather N
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] B5

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC" <[redacted] B6
Date: July 4, 2017 at 5:57:34 PM EDT
To: "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>, "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>
Cc: "Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC" <[redacted], "Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC" <[redacted]
Subject: [redacted] B5

STATEMENT FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE REX W. TILLERSON

The United States strongly condemns North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. Testing an ICBM represents a new escalation of the threat to the U.S., our allies and partners, the region, and the world.

Global action is required to stop a global threat. Any country that hosts North Korean guest workers, provides any economic or military benefits, or fails to fully implement UN Security Council resolutions is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime. All nations should publicly demonstrate to North Korea that there are consequences to their pursuit of nuclear weapons. We intend to bring North Korea's provocative action before the UN Security Council and enact stronger measures to hold the DPRK accountable.

The United States seeks only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the end of threatening actions by North Korea. As we, along with others, have made clear, we will never accept a nuclear-armed North Korea.

The President and his national security team are continuing to assess the situation in close coordination with our allies and partners.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From:	Brown, Clinton S
Sent:	Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:42 PM
To:	Peterlin, Margaret JA
Subject:	REVISED DPRK Press Points
Attachments:	REVISED DPRK ICBM TPS.docx; ATT00001.htm

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This version transmitted from NSC at 1822 this evening, apparently to all principals [redacted] B5 [redacted]

Tad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Operations Center <OperationsCenter@state.gov>
Date: July 4, 2017 at 6:38:22 PM EDT
To: "Brown, Clinton S" <BrownCS@state.gov>, "Piazza, Lucia C" <PiazzaLC@state.gov>, S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
Cc: SES-O_SWO <SES-O_SWO@state.gov>, SES_4 <SES_4@state.gov>, SES-O <SES-O@state.gov>
Subject: FW: ACTION: REVISED DPRK Press Points

Colleagues-

Forwarding a REVISED version of the DPRK Press Points.

Thank you,
Amanda

Amanda Zafian
Senior Watch Officer
State Department Operations Center
(202) 647-1512

-----Original Message-----
From: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings [mailto [redacted] B6
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 6:22 PM
To: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings < [redacted] B6
Subject: ACTION: REVISED DPRK Press Points
Importance: High

All -
Please pass the REVISED press points to your Principal [redacted] and confirm when the points have been passed. B5
Thank you and have a happy Fourth of July, Lauren

-----Original Message-----
From: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 5:06 PM
To: FN-NSC-PCDCMeetings < [redacted] B6
Subject: ACTION: Updated DPRK Press Points
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All -
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:05 PM
To: David Feith
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] B5

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From: "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>
Date: July 4, 2017 at 5:58:32 PM EDT
To: "Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC" [redacted] B6
Cc: "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>, "Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC" [redacted], "Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC" [redacted] B6
Subject: Re: [redacted] B5

Thank you. Releasing to the media.

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(202) 341-2402

On Jul 4, 2017, at 5:57 PM, Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC <[redacted]> wrote: B6

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:05 PM
To: dblumenthal@ [redacted] B6
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] B5

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>
Date: July 4, 2017 at 6:26:57 PM EDT
To: "Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC" < [redacted] B6
Cc: "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov>, "Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC" [redacted] "Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC" < [redacted] B5
Subject: Re: [redacted]

Thanks guys. The statement is out.

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(202) 341-2402

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: David Feith [redacted] B6
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:40 PM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: Re: CLEARED TPs on North Korea missile launch

Thanks much.

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On Tue, Jul 4, 2017 at 5:04 PM Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC"
[redacted] B6

Date: July 4, 2017 at 6:22:28 PM EDT

To: "Spicer, Sean M. EOP/WHO" [redacted], "Ditto, Jessica E. EOP/WHO" [redacted], "Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO" [redacted], "Walters, Lindsay E. EOP/WHO" [redacted], "Sanders, Sarah H. EOP/WHO" [redacted], "White, Dana W SES OSD (US)" [redacted], "Davis, Jeff" [redacted], "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov<mailto:HammondRC@state.gov>>, "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov<mailto:HookBH@state.gov>>, "Peterlin, Margaret JA" <PeterlinMJA@state.gov<mailto:PeterlinMJA@state.gov>>, Media [redacted], "Wachtel, Jonathan B." <WachtelJB@state.gov<mailto:WachtelJB@state.gov>>, "Degory, John A" <DegoryJA@state.gov<mailto:DegoryJA@state.gov>>

Cc: DL NSC Press [redacted], DL NSC Asia [redacted]

Subject: CLEARED TPs on North Korea missile launch

Ready to use and feel free to share with interagency collagues.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Daniel Blumenthal [redacted] B6
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Hook, Brian H
Subject: Re: [redacted] B5

Good strong stuff Brian. Talk more soon.

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 4, 2017, at 7:05 PM, Hook, Brian H <HookBH@state.gov> wrote:
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> From: "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov<mailto:HammondRC@state.gov>>
> Date: July 4, 2017 at 6:26:57 PM EDT
> To: "Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC" [redacted] B6
> Cc: "Hook, Brian H" <HookBH@state.gov<mailto:HookBH@state.gov>>, "Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC" [redacted] "Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC" [redacted] B6 B6
> Subject: Re: [redacted] B5
>
> Thanks guys. The statement is out.
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> [redacted] B6
>
> On Jul 4, 2017, at 5:57 PM, Anton, Michael N. EOP/NSC [redacted] > wrote: B6
>
> STATEMENT FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE REX W. TILLERSON
>
> The United States strongly condemns North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. Testing an ICBM represents a new escalation of the threat to the U.S., our allies and partners, the region, and the world.
>
> Global action is required to stop a global threat. Any country that hosts North Korean guest workers, provides any economic or military benefits, or fails to fully implement UN Security Council resolutions is aiding and abetting a dangerous regime. All nations should publicly demonstrate to North Korea that there are consequences to their pursuit of nuclear weapons. We intend to bring North Korea's provocative action before the UN Security Council and enact stronger measures to hold the DPRK accountable.
>
> The United States seeks only the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the end of threatening actions by North Korea. As we, along with others, have made clear, we will never accept a nuclear-armed North Korea.
>
> The President and his national security team are continuing to assess the situation in close coordination with our allies and partners.

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brown, Clinton S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 11:15 PM
To: McKay, Roland D
Cc: Piazza, Lucia C; S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: Re: S-Yang Call Sheet

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On quick review, this looks quite good. I'd suggest chopping up the longer paras into shorter, terser bullets. But I think the tone is right where he is. You're in early tomorrow, right? You and Mr Munir are killing it!

Tad

On Jul 4, 2017, at 11:11 PM, McKay, Roland D <McKayRD@state.gov> wrote:

> Haven't reviewed yet but will make sure it fits your points in your separate email.
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> Sent from my iPhone
>
> Begin forwarded message:
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> **From:** "Hsieh, Audrey" <HsiehA1@state.gov>
> **Date:** July 4, 2017 at 13:11:11 EDT
> **To:** S_SpecialAssistants <S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>
> **Cc:** "Wang, Mimi" <WangM@state.gov>, "Applegate, James D" <ApplegateJD@state.gov>, "Lambert, Mark B" <LambertMB@state.gov>
> **Subject: S-Yang Call Sheet**
>
> Dear S Special Assistants,
>
> Please find attached a call sheet for a S-Yang Jiechi phone call [redacted] B5
>
> [redacted] B5
>
> POCs for these call sheets (and associated requests) will be Mimi Wang and James Applegate.
>
> Kind Regards,
>
> Audrey Hsieh
> DPRK Desk Officer
> 202-647-0176
> **Official**
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Brust, Frederick E
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 6:51 AM
To: McCandless, Daniel C; Nanavatty, Katharine B
Cc: Heller, James R; Dolan, Bridget M; Sheives, Kevin W; Evans, Peter O
Subject: Re: PRC Vice FM Zheng Meeting Logistics

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Dan, Kate--

[redacted] so probably won't get to the office until around 9:30. I've asked the Chinese Embassy for a list of the names of their participants, and the Desk can take care of the meeting logistics with name tents and a VIP pin. B6

We'll also want to check with Jim, Laura, and Susan about updating the points [redacted] B5

[redacted] B5

Fred

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: D EAP Duty Officer
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 5:34 PM
To: Brust, Frederick E
Cc: McCandless, Daniel C; Nanavatty, Katharine B
Subject: PRC Vice FM Zheng Meeting Logistics

Fred,

Thanks again for your help with the meeting plans. As discussed, here are the details I am tracking, just to ensure we're all on the same page, since Kate is back Wed.

- 4:00 PM on July 5; 30 minutes
- D Conf room
- Participation – likely 5 (Zheng + 4) and 4 (D, D Special, EAP DAS, and notetaker from the desk); please confirm Wednesday morning
  - Desk should do the VIP pin requests and necessary escorting
  - Desk should do name tents and set up ahead of the meeting (confirm a time with Kate to do so ahead of the meeting)
  - No photos

Thanks again,
Elizabeth

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 8:27 AM
To: Eng, Emily E (S)
Cc: Battle, Raniesha J
Subject: Re: 07.05.17 Small Group Session - Time / Location Change

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Ok. Thanks.

On Jul 5, 2017, at 8:14 AM, Eng, Emily E (S) <EngEE@state.gov> wrote:

Hi,

Today's Small Group Session is from 1:30pm – 3:15pm (EDT) at the Pentagon. Please plan on attending, you will be joining S and MJAP.

The agenda (I think MJAP discussed this with you before) is: [redacted] B5

[redacted] B5

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Lacey, Edward
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Greenberg, Brenda L
Subject: RE: Question re: WSJ Article: State Department Workers Vent Grievances Over Trump, Tillerson, Cite Longer-Term Issues; In survey, some cite lack of support from administration and say they worry about budget cuts, outdated technology

Sorry Brenda, I have no idea.

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From: Greenberg, Brenda L
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Lacey, Edward <LaceyEd@state.gov>
Subject: Question re: WSJ Article: State Department Workers Vent Grievances Over Trump, Tillerson, Cite Longer-Term Issues; In survey, some cite lack of support from administration and say they worry about budget cuts, outdated technology

Ed: Do you happen to know when the Insigniam survey will be posted on the intranet?

Thanks,
Brenda

State Department Workers Vent Grievances Over Trump, Tillerson, Cite Longer-Term Issues; In survey, some cite lack of support from administration and say they worry about budget cuts, outdated technology

falseSchwartz, Felicia. **Wall Street Journal (Online); New York, N.Y.** [New York, N.Y]04 July 2017: n/a.
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

WASHINGTON--Thousands of State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development employees indicated in a survey they are worried about the future of their agencies, with some expressing particular concern about lack of support from the Trump administration and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

The findings are in a report for Mr. Tillerson compiled by a consulting firm as he embarks on an effort to reorganize the State Department amid steep budget cuts . The Wall Street Journal reviewed a copy of the report, which is to be released to employees on Wednesday.

"I want to reiterate that we began this process with no preconceived notions about the outcome," Mr. Tillerson will say in a video message accompanying the release of the report,

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according to a transcript. "Our goal is, and always has been, to address challenges to the way our department operates. Your honesty and candid input is deeply valued as we devote our energy to building a better State Department."

Many of the more than 35,000 State Department and USAID employees responding to the survey indicated longtime frustration with the way the agencies function , including poor technology and duplicative and redundant processes that make frequent workarounds necessary. They also cited pet projects created by ambassadors and Congress, according to the report reviewed by the Journal.

USAID employees in the report said they are particularly concerned about the consequences of a move to fully absorb USAID fully into the State Department, which officials are considering.

The 110-page report, which the State Department paid the consulting firm Insigniam about $1.1 million to compile, includes feedback from 35,386 employees of the two interrelated agencies, or about 43% of those who received the survey, and also includes 300 employee interviews conducted in-person or by phone.

The report comes as President Donald Trump's administration has yet to fill scores of senior State Department positions, which current and former officials say has hampered decision making. The department, which coordinates U.S. diplomatic policy around the world, is contending with threats from North Korea and Russia as it seeks to end long-running wars in the Middle East.

Aides said the critical nature of the results reflects Mr. Tillerson's willingness to incorporate frank feedback into plans for the State Department.

"The first step in this is to give a platform to people to identify what needs to be fixed, the second stage is to give people a platform to fix it, and the third stage is to implement an improved design," said R.C. Hammond, a senior adviser to Mr. Tillerson.

The report revealed a wariness among employees about the management at the State Department, including existing structures that are perceived as inefficient and the attitudes of the Trump administration.

"People do not speak optimistically about the future," the report says. "The absence of a clear vision of the future allows room for speculation and rumor about what the future could bring, such as further USAID integration into DOS [Department of State] or the militarization of foreign policy."

State Department employees indicated to Insigniam that they are concerned both about the Trump administration and about Mr. Tillerson's leadership.

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"People question if these two groups understand the role the Department of State plays in forwarding the interests of the United States in the world," the report says.

One respondent quoted in the report said: "I am concerned that the dramatic reduction in budget, paired with extended staffing gaps at the most senior level, will result in the loss of not only an exceptionally talented group of people from our ranks, but will hamper our impact to fulfill our mission for decades to come."

Other than Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan, there are no Senate-confirmed senior political leaders working at the State Department's headquarters in Washington.

Other themes in the survey included frustration with mechanisms that are supposed to hold employees accountable and outdated technology and structures.

"Whether it be models and policies for family-member participation, or medical leave for pregnancies, or a footprint based on a 20th century Cold War world which has evolved into the 21st century's war on terror, much of what governs day-to-day work is not fit to purpose," the report says.

Eliot Cohen, who served as State Department counselor during the George W. Bush administration and is now at Johns Hopkins University, said complaints about the department's bureaucracy and technology are longstanding.

Still, he said, "I would expect them [employees] to be in an incredibly sour mood because of the Trump administration. If you look at the way [Mr. Tillerson] has dealt with subordinates and the hammering he has taken from the administration...he has an ineffective team."

Mr. Tillerson is expected to announce Wednesday that Mr. Sullivan will lead a working group to further examine five areas that were highlighted in the report: overseas operations, foreign-assistance programs, technology, staffing and administration.

Those groups will contribute to a report the State Department will submit to the Office of Management and Budget by Sept. 15 about how to reorganize.

State Department and USAID employees were asked to address Mr. Tillerson directly, which they did with varying degrees of seriousness. Some were "highly complimentary," while others were "coarse and vulgar," the report said.

"We will be left with only the resources to coordinate among ourselves and write reports," said one employee, who wasn't identified in the report. "It will be a short political win over long-term strategy."

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But another compared the State Department workforce to a Labrador retriever: "We want to jump in your lap and will be as loyal as the day is long."

Write to Felicia Schwartz at Felicia.Schwartz@wsj.com

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hook, Brian H
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 7:05 AM
To: Thornton, Susan A
Cc: Biers, Dan L
Subject: Re: G-20 responses to ICBM launch

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This is helpful. I will pass to S.

On Jul 5, 2017, at 7:46 PM, Thornton, Susan A <ThorntonSA@state.gov> wrote:

Fyi, in case it comes in handy in Germany.

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From: Wang, Mimi <WangM@state.gov>
Date: July 5, 2017 at 4:44:34 PM EDT
To: EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>, Voyles, Halima K <VoylesHK@state.gov>
Cc: EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL <EAP-K-DPRK-UNIT-DL@state.gov>
Subject: G-20 responses to ICBM launch

Bibi and staffers,

In case it's of interest to Susan/Joe and the 7th floor ahead of the Secretary's travel, our wonderful intern Jesse Hong has been tracking countries' statements in response to the ICBM launch. Attached and below is the compilation of which G-20 countries have issued statements, at which level, and the key words they used. As of COB today India, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa were the only countries that had not issued statements in response to the launch. We've asked those desks to keep an eye out for them.

Mimi Wang
DPRK Desk Officer
wangm@state.gov
202-647-0081

Summary of G-20 Country Responses to July 4 DPRK ICBM Launch

Country	Level of Statement	Key Words
Republic of Korea	MFA	Condemns in the strongest terms
Japan	FM	Condemns
Australia	PM joint statement with MFA and defense ministry	Categorically condemns
China	Joint statement with Russian MFA	Serious concern
Russia	Joint statement with	Serious concern

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	Chinese MFA	
UK	Foreign Secretary	Condemns
France	MFA	Condemns
Germany	FM	Condemns
Canada	FM	Unreservedly condemns
Italy	MFA	Condemns in the strongest way
EU	EU spokesperson	Condemns
Turkey	MFA	Condemns
Indonesia	MFA	Deeply regrets
Brazil	MFA	Expresses serious concern
Mexico	MFA	Condemns in the strongest possible terms
Argentina	MFA	Strongly condemns

No statement issued as of close of business July 5: India, Saudi Arabia, South Africa

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From: Applegate, James D
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:14 AM
To: Rosner, Zachary A; EAP-J-Office-DL; Cartin, Joshua M; Biers, Dan L; Nanavatty, Katharine B; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Kim, Shaun; Lee, David Y; Urena, Michael A; Jacobs, Ryan A; Park, Grace E; Cahn, Michael J; Ouimet, Matthew J; Kraut, Benjamin; Gile, Robertson S; Harris, Robert K; R_Special Assistants; PA Clearances Mailbox; Barron, Benjamin A; Tabron, Elizabeth J
Cc: EAP-K-Office-DL
Subject: RE: FLASH Clearance: Draft [redacted] press statement for State coord B5

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From: Rosner, Zachary A
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:00 AM
To: EAP-J-Office-DL; Cartin, Joshua M; Biers, Dan L; Nanavatty, Katharine B; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Kim, Shaun; Lee, David Y; Urena, Michael A; Jacobs, Ryan A; Park, Grace E; Cahn, Michael J; Ouimet, Matthew J; Kraut, Benjamin; Gile, Robertson S; Harris, Robert K; R_Special Assistants; PA Clearances Mailbox; Barron, Benjamin A; Tabron, Elizabeth J
Cc: EAP-K-Office-DL
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Importance: High

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Thanks!
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From: Harris, Robert K
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Cartin, Joshua M; Rosner, Zachary A; EAP-J-Office-DL; Biers, Dan L; Nanavatty, Katharine B; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Kim, Shaun; Lee, David Y; Urena, Michael A; Jacobs, Ryan A; Park, Grace E; Cahn, Michael J; Ouimet, Matthew J; Kraut, Benjamin; Gile, Robertson S; R_Special Assistants; Barron, Benjamin A; Tabron, Elizabeth J; Legal-EAP-DL; Legal-DPRK-DL
Cc: EAP-K-Office-DL; Rebholz, Jason P
Subject: RE: FLASH Clearance: Draft [redacted] press statement for State coord B5
Attachments: Draft [redacted] statement from 20170706 dinner [redacted] .DOCX B5

Zach,

A few suggestions on top of Josh's. Others in L may also have input, but given your tight deadline I wanted to move the process along.

Bob

From: Cartin, Joshua M
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Rosner, Zachary A; EAP-J-Office-DL; Biers, Dan L; Nanavatty, Katharine B; Mihailescu, Andrea R; Kim, Shaun; Lee, David Y; Urena, Michael A; Jacobs, Ryan A; Park, Grace E; Cahn, Michael J; Ouimet, Matthew J; Kraut, Benjamin; Gile, Robertson S; Harris, Robert K; R_Special Assistants; Barron, Benjamin A; Tabron, Elizabeth J
Cc: EAP-K-Office-DL
Subject: RE: FLASH Clearance: Draft [redacted] press statement for State coord B5

Multiple suggestions tracked and clearance for P.

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Cc: EAP-K-Office-DL
Subject: RE: FLASH Clearance: Draft [redacted] press statement for State coord B5
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Clear for s/p, a few suggested minor edits in addition to Josh's.

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Thanks, Kate

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>
Date: July 6, 2017 at 4:55:18 PM GMT+2
To: "Williams, Meredith B" <WilliamsMB@state.gov>, "Madyun, Munir D" <MadyunMD@state.gov>, "Hogan, Dereck J" <HoganDJ@state.gov>
Subject: Draft [redacted] B5

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Figueroa, Priscilla C

From: Hammond, R.C.
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 3:50 PM
To: Thornton, Susan A
Subject: Fwd: Draft [redacted] B5

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Williams, Meredith B" <WilliamsMB@state.gov>
Date: July 6, 2017 at 9:47:42 PM GMT+2
To: "Hammond, R.C." <HammondRC@state.gov>
Cc: "Madyun, Munir D" <MadyunMD@state.gov>, "Hogan, Dereck J" <HoganDJ@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft [redacted] B5

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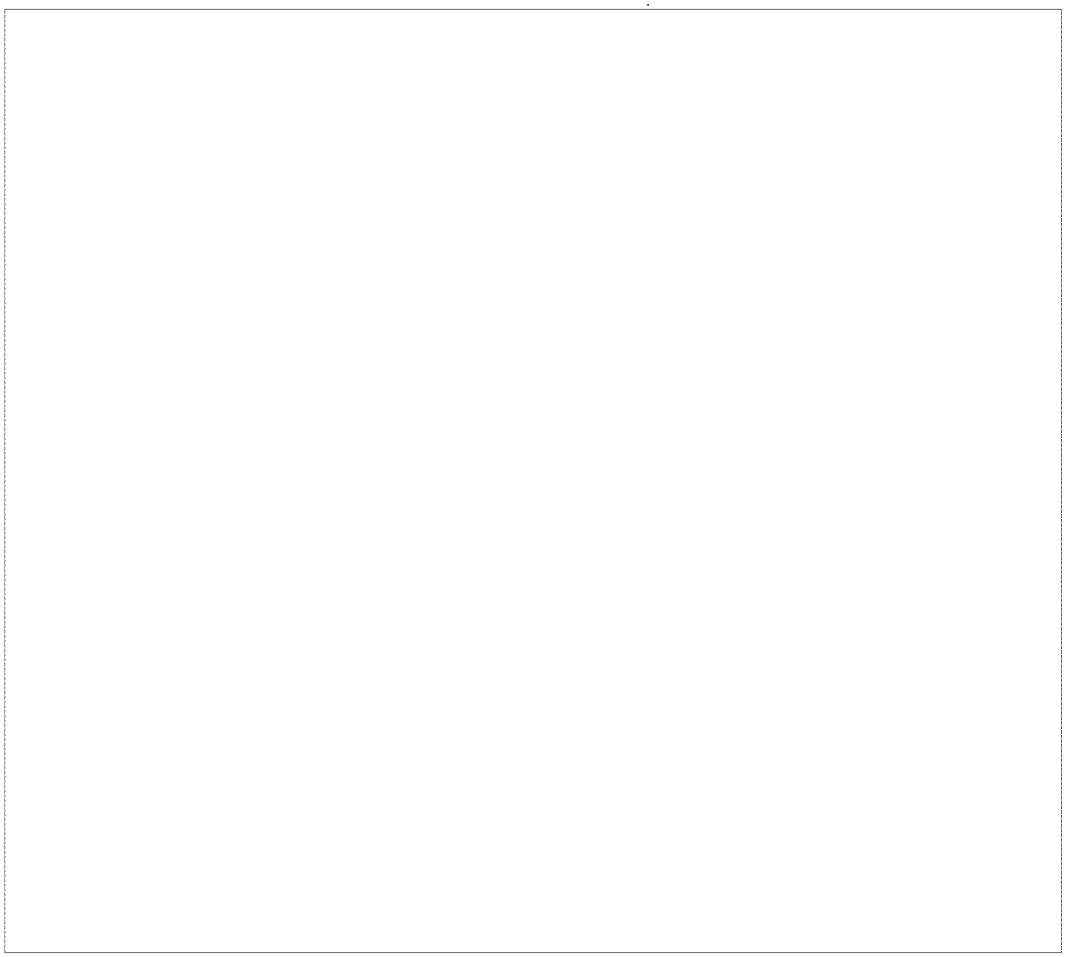
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On Jul 6, 2017, at 5:23 PM, Hammond, R.C. <HammondRC@state.gov> wrote:

> Susan Thorton is coordinating clearance from South Korea and Japan
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> [redacted] B6
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> On Jul 6, 2017, at 5:14 PM, Williams, Meredith B <WilliamsMB@state.gov> wrote:
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> Thanks! [redacted] B5
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jul 6, 2017, at 4:55 PM, Hammond, R.C. <HammondRC@state.gov> wrote:
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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:51 PM
To: Chaney Adams; Lerner, Jon S
Subject: Fw: Press Release: Permanent Representatives of the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea Request Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on DPRK

Pls make sure this gets out on social media. Fb and twitter

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: USUN, PRESS <USUNPRESS@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 6:43 PM
To: USUN, PRESS
Subject: Press Release: Permanent Representatives of the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea Request Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on DPRK

UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
Office of Press and Public Diplomacy

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 4, 2017

Press Release: Permanent Representatives of the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea Request Emergency UN Security Council Meeting on DPRK

A short time ago, Ambassador Nikki Haley and her counterparts from Japan and the Republic of Korea requested an emergency UN Security Council meeting to be held in the open chamber in response to North Korea's intercontinental ballistic missile launch. The Security Council session will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

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From: Lee, David Y <LeeDY@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:06 PM
To: USUN-BOOK-DL <USUN-BOOK-DL@state.gov>
Cc: Tachco, Amy N <TachcoAN@state.gov>; Black, Joshua J <BlackJ@state.gov>; Klein, Christopher C <KleinCC@state.gov>; Smith, Austin M <SmithAM2@state.gov>; Simonoff, Mark A <SimonoffMA@state.gov>
Subject: North Korea letter to POTUS for NH book
Attach: Experts-letter on NK to POTUS, 06282017.pdf

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Hi Aaron,

Not urgent, but I was hoping to add the attached letter to President Trump on North Korea today from Bill Perry, George Schultz, Bob Gallucci, Sid Hecker, Dick Lugar, and Bill Richardson, which was also sent to McMaster, Tillerson, and Mattis. They offer an interesting case for engaging North Korea before they develop an ICBM capability. I thought NH might find this useful for her situational awareness. Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,
David

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 6:20 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Subject: FW: Follow ups from the 7/6 UNGA meeting
Attachments: FW: Catch Up Call?

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FYI – Below are follow ups from today's bizarre UNGA meeting. KV

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From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 6:05 PM
To: Glaccum, David M; Lerner, Jon S; schimsa@ [redacted] Miller, Matthew G; Roskam, Gracey; Dewees, Leslie A. B6
Subject: Follow ups from the 7/6 UNGA meeting

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From: Dewees, Leslie A. <DeweesLA@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:52 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine <VeldranK@state.gov>
Subject: Re: PSIDS Reception Guest List

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That's correct. Some she just met briefly at the reception though. We might want to sit down with someone from POL to scan the list to break this down further.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:32 PM
To: Dewees, Leslie A.
Subject: RE: PSIDS Reception Guest List

Based on these numbers NH has met with 140 PRs and has 53 PRs to meet before the GA begins to accomplish our goal, correct?

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From: Dewees, Leslie A.
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 5:37 PM
To: McMillan, Emily B.; Roskam, Gracey
Cc: Glaccum, David M; Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: PSIDS Reception Guest List

Update from earlier based on the final list from last week's reception (countries in red are those who will be invited to PSIDS reception):

Countries/PRs NH has not met

1) Antigua & Barbuda
2) Argentina
3) Bahamas
4) Bahrain
5) Barbados
6) Belize
7) Benin
8) Brazil
9) Cape Verde
10) Comoros
11) Cuba
12) Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
13) Djibouti
14) DPRK
15) Dominica
16) El Salvador
17) Equatorial Guinea
18) Fiji

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19) Grenada
20) Guatemala
21) Guinea
22) Guinea-Bissau
23) Iran
24) Iraq
25) Ireland
26) Jamaica
27) Liberia
28) Libya
29) Malawi
30) Maldives
31) Mauritania
32) Micronesia
33) Monaco
34) Mongolia
35) Morocco
36) Oman
37) Palau
38) Somalia
39) Spain
40) St. Lucia
41) Seychelles
42) Slovakia
43) Solomon Islands
44) South Africa
45) Swaziland
46) Syria
47) Tajikistan
48) Timor-Leste
49) Tuvalu
50) Turkmenistan
51) Vanuatu
52) Venezuela
53) Zambia

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From: Dewees, Leslie A.
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 2:22 PM
To: McMillan, Emily B.; Roskam, Gracey
Cc: Glaccum, David M; Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: PSIDS Reception Guest List

Hi All:

I still need to double check the "final" guest list from the Fourth of July party, but as of this evening, there will be only a couple dozen countries that NH has never met or spoken to on the phone. Please see the list below – and feel free to correct me if I'm wrong.

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Given that these countries don't have much in common (and some we would not interact with at all, ex: DPRK), I don't recommend adding them to the PSIDS reception. I agree with Emily's suggestion of inviting ASEAN nations (and it makes sense geographically, given the PSIDS' location). Note that apart from Indonesia and Singapore, the only time NH has met with PRs/DPRs from ASEAN member countries was at the Fourth of July party.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Leslie

Countries/PRs NH has not met

1) Argentina
2) Bahamas
3) Bahrain
4) Belize
5) Brazil
6) DPRK
7) Dominica
8) Guatemala
9) Guinea
10) Iran
11) Iraq
12) Ireland
13) Jamaica
14) Morocco
15) Palau
16) Somalia
17) Spain
18) Syria
19) Turkmenistan
20) Zambia

Thanks,
Leslie

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From: McMillan, Emily B.
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Roskam, Gracey
Cc: Glaccum, David M; Veldran, Katherine; Dewees, Leslie A.
Subject: RE: PSIDS Reception Guest List

Leslie –

I know we just worked on a GA resolution for ASEAN block – while doing this I learned they are similar body that is a good ally of ours on things. Made up of Cambodia, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, LAO, Malaysia, Myanmar, Phillipines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.

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They may be a good block to add to this reception.

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From: Roskam, Gracey
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 12:09 PM
To: McMillan, Emily B.
Cc: Glaccum, David M; Veldran, Katherine; Dewees, Leslie A.
Subject: RE: PSIDS Reception Guest List

Thank you.
NH would like to invite around 11 /12 additional countries to this reception since this list is so small. Leslie – could you please suggest some additional countries that NH has not touched yet?
Thanks,
Gracey

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From: McMillan, Emily B.
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Roskam, Gracey
Cc: Glaccum, David M; Veldran, Katherine
Subject: PSIDS Reception Guest List

Next theme reception (PSIDS – Pacific Small Island Developing States) –

Purpose: PSIDS is an 11 member state regional bloc that is an important group for USUN when it comes to voting during UNGA.

Proposed Invitees (PR + Spouse)
Fiji
Marshall Islands
Micronesia
Nauru
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Samoa,
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu

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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:03 PM

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Subject: Schedule for Ambassador Michele J. Sison for Tuesday, July 11, 2017

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Tuesday, July 11, 2017

10:00am Security Council: MONUSCO Briefing and Consultations (MJS in chair)
Staff: Julie Jolles

1:00pm Meeting with UNRWA Deputy Commissioner-General Sandra Mitchell with Matthias Schmale, Saahir Lone, and James Dykstra
Staff: Jake Sherman, Morgan Vina, Max Kendrick

2:45pm Meeting with Amb Hahn, ROK DPR re DPRK (at his request)
Staff: David Lee

4:15pm Meeting with Amb Horacio Borja, Ecuadoran PR

6:00pm Luxembourg PR-Hosted Farewell Reception

6:30pm Kazakh PR-Hosted Reception

7:00pm MSC-Hosted Farewell Reception for Col Rauhut

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 7:26 AM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Wachtel, Jonathan B.; Haley, Nikki
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.; Smith, Austin M; Adams, Chaney
Subject: Re: North Korea Launch

According to news reports, North Korea is claiming this was a successful ICBM test. Trying to get more information on this now.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 1:22 AM
To: Wachtel, Jonathan B.; Glaccum, David M; Haley, Nikki
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.; Smith, Austin M; Adams, Chaney
Subject: RE: North Korea Launch

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From: Wachtel, Jonathan B.
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 1:08 AM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Glaccum, David M; Haley, Nikki
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.; Smith, Austin M; Adams, Chaney
Subject: Re: North Korea Launch

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[redacted] North Koreans are said to be close to making a special announcement. B5

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 12:39 AM
To: Glaccum, David M; Haley, Nikki
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.; Smith, Austin M; Wachtel, Jonathan B.; Adams, Chaney
Subject: RE: North Korea Launch

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That approach would certainly be more in keeping with the President's tweet tonight.

And by the way, Happy Independence Day!

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From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 10:52 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Cc: Lerner, Jon S; McMillan, Emily B.; Smith, Austin M; Wachtel, Jonathan B.; Adams, Chaney
Subject: North Korea Launch

Amb. Haley,

My apologies for the late email. We still don't have much information on the North Korea launch except that it does appear to have been a ballistic missile. David Lee is working on getting additional information and proposes [redacted] We will keep you updated as we learn more. B5

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From:	Adams, Chaney <adams.chaney@ [redacted] B6
Sent:	Friday, July 7, 2017 4:04 PM
To:	Lerner, Jon S <LernerJS@state.gov>; Wachtel, Jonathan B. <WachtelJB@state.gov>; Groves, Steven A. <GrovesSA@state.gov>; Glaccum, David M <GlaccumDM@state.gov>; Dewees, Leslie A. <DeweesLA@state.gov>
Cc:	Veldran, Katherine <VeldranK@state.gov>; Roskam, Gracey <RoskamG@state.gov>
Subject:	CNN "State of the Union" and CBS "Face the Nation" Brief

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Please let me know if y'all need anything changed or added here.

Event: CNN "State of the Union" and CBS "Face the Nation"

Date: Saturday July 7, 2017

Time:

-9:30 AM Amb. Haley arrives at CNN [redacted] B6

-10:00 AM Amb. Haley sits for interview with John Dickerson (10-12 mins; this will be via earpiece- John will be in DC)

-10:20 AM Amb. Haley sits for interview with Dana Bash (10-12 mins; Dana will be with you in studio)

Reporter:

CBS- John Dickerson

CNN- Dana Bash

Location: CNN, 1 Time Warner Center, New York, NY 10019

***** CNN on site contact:** Anne Woosley, [redacted] B6
CBS (DC) contact: Elizabeth Hinson, [redacted] B6

Purpose: Appear as administration surrogate on the Sunday shows

Topics:

CBS: North Korea, Syria, General Thoughts About POTUS Trip

CNN: National Security, North Korea, POTUS Trip

Talking Points:

Sunday Show Possible Topics, July 9, 2017

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Topic: **North Korea UN speech**

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Topic: **Trump/Putin meeting**

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Topic: **Syria**

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Topic: **Qatar/Gulf States**

Possible Q:

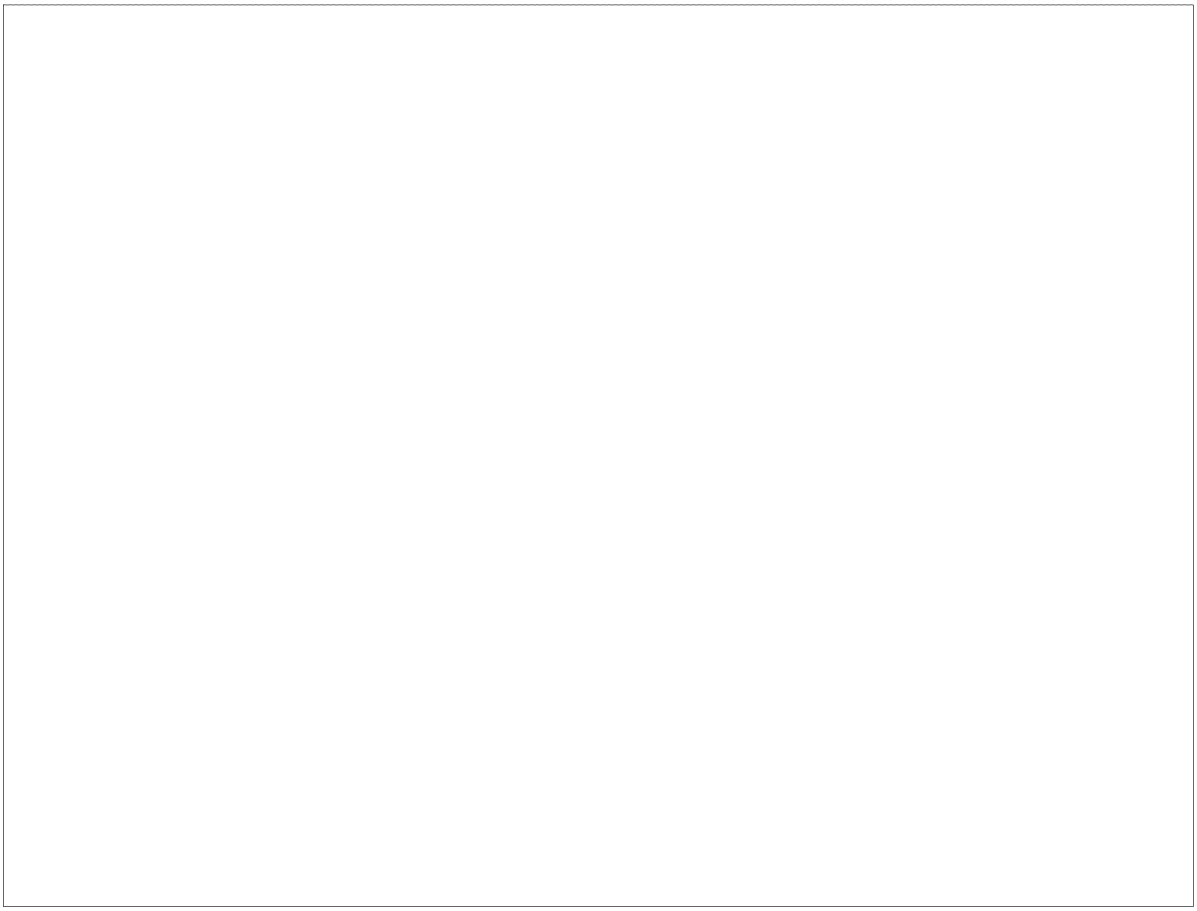
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Topic: **Trump Tweets about CNN and Morning Joe**

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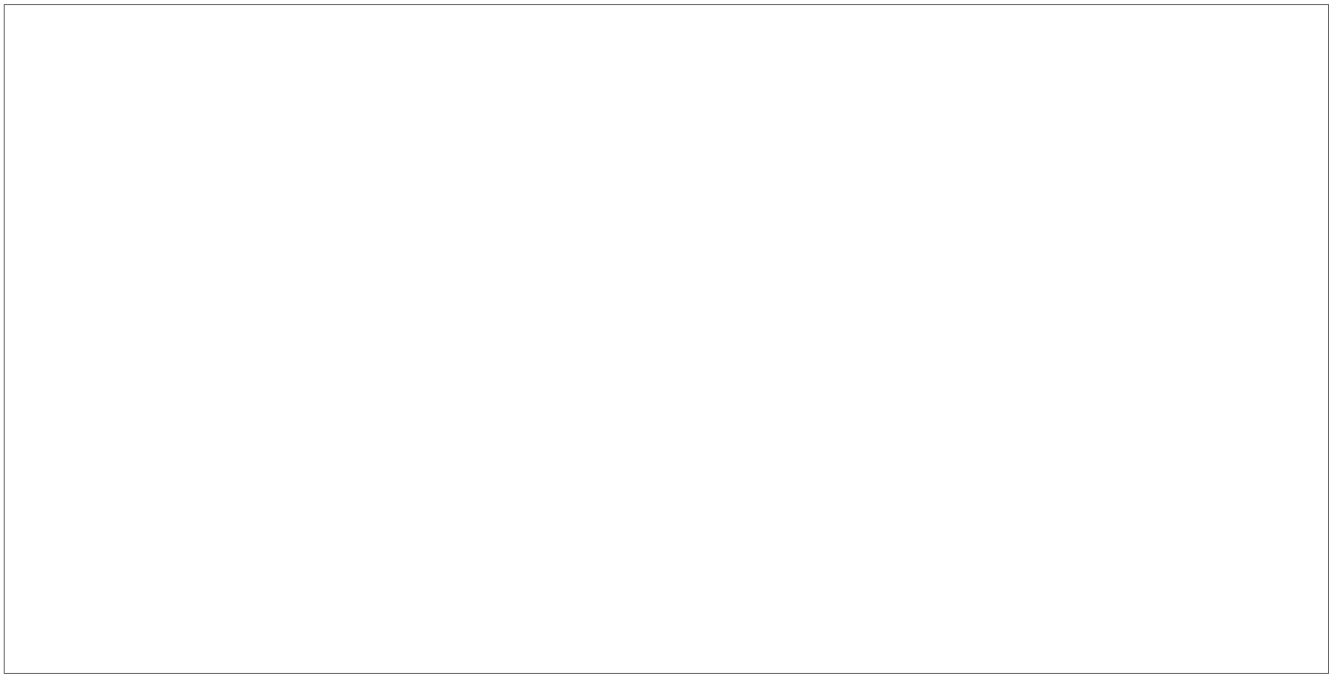
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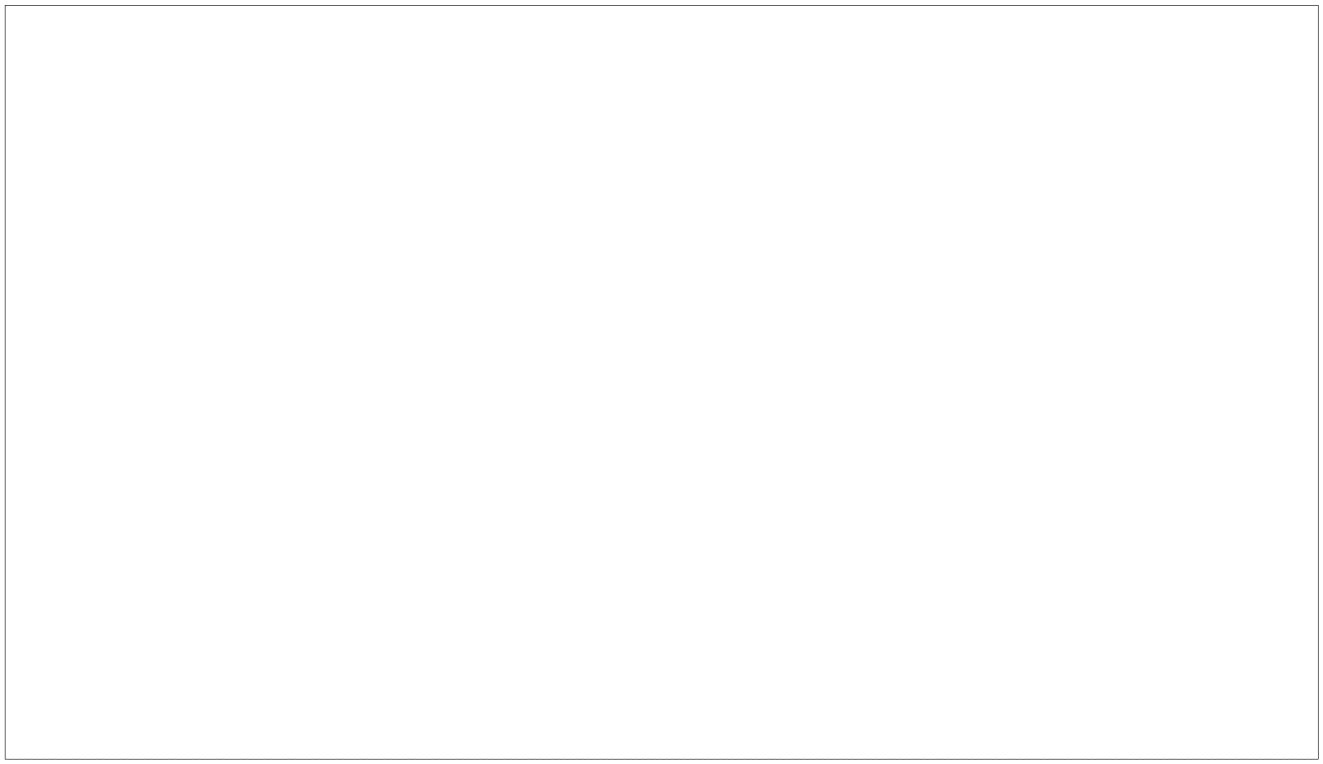
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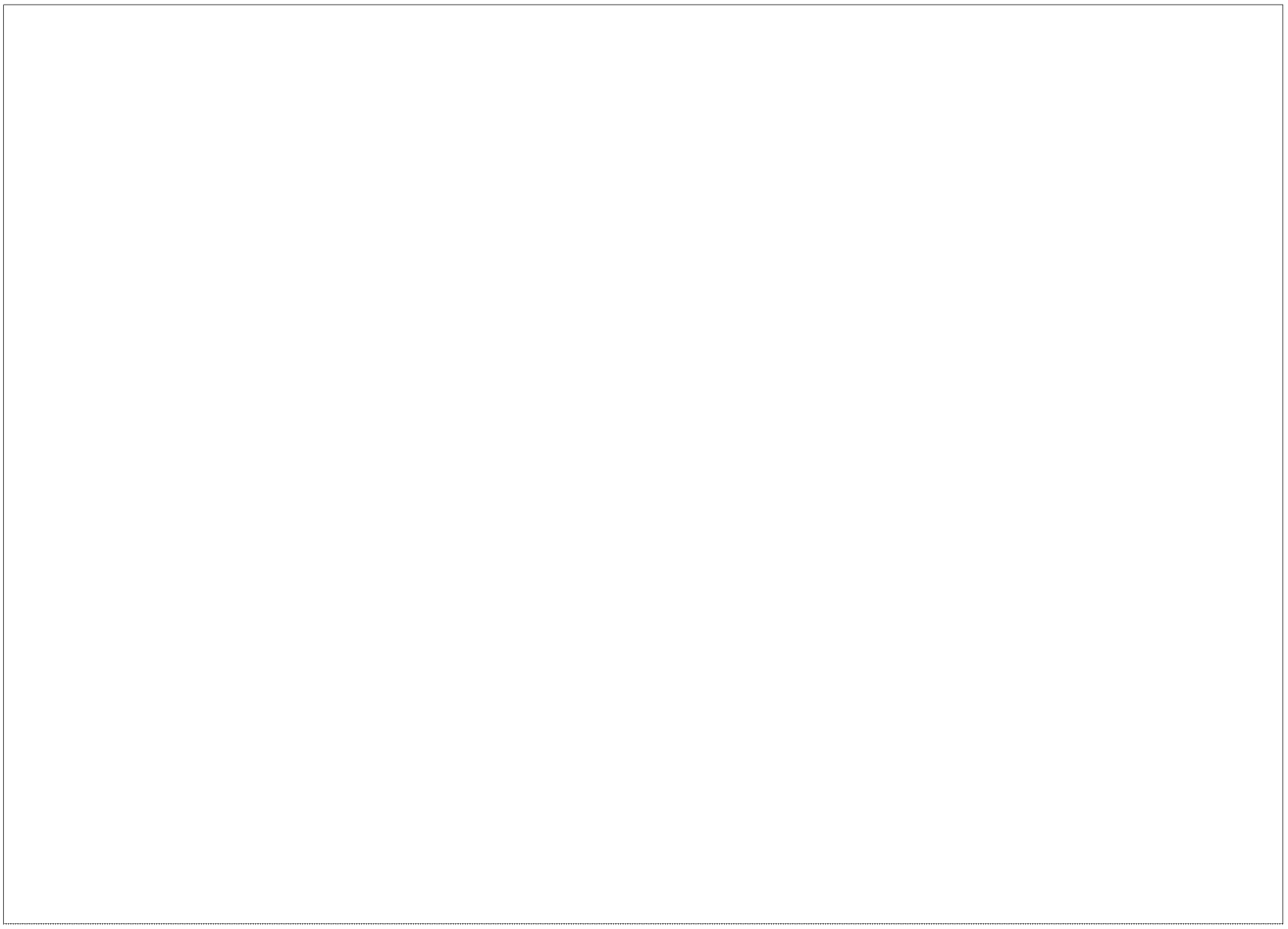


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From: Miller, Matthew G <Millermg@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine <VeldranK@state.gov>
Subject: FW: Catch Up Call?

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From: Hay, Jeffrey M
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 8:48 AM
To: Miller, Matthew G
Cc: Dunham, Lauren Triner; Ham, Andrew
Subject: Catch Up Call?

Hi Matthew,

Do you have any time for a quick catch-up call in the next couple days? The big news here: the Secretary approved all of our recommended UNGA 72 priorities, [redacted] B5
[redacted] We are drafting B5
the Goals and Objectives cable now and will send it around for clearance by Friday or Monday.

Let me know if you want to chat.

Thanks,

Jeff

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From: Roskam, Gracey <RoskamG@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:26 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine <VeldranK@state.gov>
Subject: FW: China Meeting Monday

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From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:26 PM
To: Roskam, Gracey; Banks, Aaron M
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.
Subject: Re: China Meeting Monday

Yes ma'am, plus two is fine unless he asks to have more. At our last meeting Wednesday he had just plus two [redacted] B5

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From: Roskam, Gracey
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Glaccum, David M; Banks, Aaron M
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.
Subject: RE: China Meeting Monday

Who should attend from the Chinese Mission? [redacted] B5

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From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:19 PM
To: Roskam, Gracey; Banks, Aaron M
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.
Subject: Re: China Meeting Monday

Aaron - Not a dumb question, but instead an unclear note. It means both. Our team that handles North

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Korea and the Chinese team.

Gracey - yes, she told me earlier today she wanted to schedule this meeting. On our end it can be Amb. Haley, David Lee, and me.

Thanks, y'all.

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From: Roskam, Gracey
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:08 PM
To: Banks, Aaron M; Glaccum, David M
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.
Subject: RE: China Meeting Monday

Yes. I was going to ask you about that. There was a question mark at the end. Does she definitely want to meet? Who all needs to be in the meeting?

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From: Banks, Aaron M
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:08 PM
To: Glaccum, David M; Roskam, Gracey
Cc: McMillan, Emily B.
Subject: RE: China Meeting Monday

I did pass the note. Real dumb question that Gracey probably already knows the answer to, but is that *our* team that deals with China or the team from the People's Republic of China Mission?

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From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:03 PM
To: Roskam, Gracey
Cc: Banks, Aaron M; McMillan, Emily B.
Subject: China Meeting Monday

Gracey,

I hope you are well.

I'm sure Aaron passed you the note but wanted to make sure you saw that Amb. Haley wants to schedule a meeting with the Chinese team for Monday [redacted] B5

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Thanks.

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From: Dewees, Leslie A. <DeweesLA@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Veldran, Katherine <VeldranK@state.gov>
Cc: Roskam, Gracey <RoskamG@state.gov>
Subject: FW: Lists to update

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From: Dewees, Leslie A.
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 6:47 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: Lists to update

Updated....

Countries/PRs NH has only shook their hands and said hello (at the Fourth of July reception) –no substantive discussion:

EU/ Eastern Europe/Eurasia

1. Andorra
2. Armenia
3. Austria
4. Azerbaijan
5. Belarus
6. Bosnia & Herzegovina
7. Georgia
8. Macedonia
9. Malta
10. Moldova
11. San Marino
12. Serbia

LatAm/Central America/Caribbean

13. Dominican Republic

MENA

14. Algeria
15. Lebanon
16. Morocco
17. Tunisia
18. Yemen

South Asia

19. Bhutan
20. Nepal
21. Pakistan
22. Sri Lanka

South East Asia

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23. Cambodia
24. Malaysia
25. Myanmar
26. Philippines
27. Vietnam

Central Asia

28. Kyrgyzstan
29. Uzbekistan

Sub-Saharan Africa

30. Chad
31. Congo
32. Gabon
33. Lesotho
34. Madagascar
35. Mozambique
36. Namibia
37. Sao Tome & Principe
38. Sudan
39. Togo

Asia-Pacific

40. New Zealand
41. Papua New Guinea
42. Samoa
43. Tonga

Countries/PRs NH has not met:

EU/ Eastern Europe/Eurasia

1) Ireland
2) Monaco
3) Slovakia
4) Spain

LatAm/Central America/Caribbean

5) Antigua & Barbuda
6) Bahamas
7) Barbados
8) Belize
9) Brazil
10) Cuba
11) Dominica
12) El Salvador
13) Grenada
14) Jamaica
15) St. Lucia
16) Venezuela

MENA

17) Bahrain
18) Iraq

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19) Iran
20) Libya
21) Syria
22) Morocco
23) Oman

Central Asia

24) Mongolia
25) Tajikistan
26) Turkmenistan

Southeast Asia

27) Timor-Leste

Sub-Saharan Africa

28) Benin
29) Cape Verde
30) Comoros
31) Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
32) Djibouti
33) Equatorial Guinea
34) Guinea
35) Guinea-Bissau
36) Liberia
37) Malawi
38) Mauritania
39) Somalia
40) Seychelles
41) South Africa
42) Swaziland
43) Zambia

Asia-Pacific

44) DPRK
45) Maldives
46) Micronesia
47) Palau
48) Solomon Islands
49) Tuvalu
50) Vanuatu

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From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Dewees, Leslie A.
Subject: Lists to update

Countries/PRs NH has only shook their hands and said hello – but there was no substantive discussion:

EU/ Eastern Europe/Eurasia

1. Armenia
2. Austria

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3. Azerbaijan
4. Belarus
5. Bosnia & Herzegovina
6. Georgia
7. Macedonia
8. Malta
9. Moldova
10. Serbia

LatAm/Caribbean

11. Brazil
12. Costa Rica
13. Dominican Republic

MENA

14. Algeria
15. Lebanon
16. Morocco
17. Tunisia
18. Yemen

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22. Pakistan

South East Asia

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24. Malaysia
25. Myanmar
26. Philippines
27. Vietnam

Central Asia

28. Kyrgyzstan
29. Uzbekistan

Sub-Saharan Africa

30. Chad
31. Congo
32. Gabon
33. Lesotho
34. Madagascar
35. Mozambique
36. Namibia
37. Togo
38. Sudan

Pacific

39. New Zealand

Countries/PRs NH has not met:

1) Antigua & Barbuda

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2) Argentina
3) Bahamas
4) Bahrain
5) Barbados
6) Belize
7) Benin
8) Brazil
9) Cape Verde
10) Comoros
11) Cuba
12) Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
13) Djibouti
14) DPRK
15) Dominica
16) El Salvador
17) Equatorial Guinea
18) Fiji
19) Grenada
20) Guatemala
21) Guinea
22) Guinea-Bissau
23) Iran
24) Iraq
25) Ireland
26) Jamaica
27) Liberia
28) Libya
29) Malawi
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35) Morocco
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52) Venezuela
53) Zambia



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From:	Veldran, Katherine </O=SBUSTATE/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=VELDRAN, KATHERINEB0D>
Sent:	Monday, July 10, 2017 8:48 PM
To:	Glaccum, David M <GlaccumDM@state.gov>
Cc:	Roskam, Gracey <RoskamG@state.gov>; Dewees, Leslie A. <DeweesLA@state.gov>
Subject:	Operation: 193 - 7 weeks
Attach:	PR tracker 7 10 17.docx

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David,
Below are four PR receptions scheduled on NH's calendar. Attached is latest PR tracker list received this morning from LD. Based on POL's guest list strategy – would you like us to schedule 1 or 2 more receptions? We have about 7 weeks to meet our goal of NH meeting with all 193 members.
Thanks, KV

Fourth GA PR Reception (PSIDS + ASEAN block)
Wednesday, July 12
6:00-7:30 PM

Fifth GA PR Reception
Tuesday, July 25
6:00-7:30 PM

Reception in honor of the new Russian PR
Wednesday, July 26
6:00-7:30 PM
Invite list: 15 Security Council members + spouses + staff

Sixth GA PR Reception
Wednesday, August 2
6:00-7:30 PM

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: RE: North Korea draft statement

Trying to reach Jonathan and Chaney. Having difficulty doing so.

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From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Glaccum, David M; Lerner, Jon S
Subject: Re: North Korea draft statement

Jon can reach out to him

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 6:11 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Lerner, Jon S
Subject: RE: North Korea draft statement

We were waiting for the formal request to be made to Council so we can say we have made the request. The request has now been made so Jonathan should move forward and I will call him now.

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From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:09 PM
To: Glaccum, David M; Lerner, Jon S
Subject: Re: North Korea draft statement

Why are we waiting on Amy?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 6:08 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Lerner, Jon S
Subject: RE: North Korea draft statement

Yes ma'am. Just spoke with Chaney. She is making sure Jonathan has it ready to go as soon as Amy gives us the word, which should be any moment.

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From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:06 PM
To: Glaccum, David M; Lerner, Jon S
Subject: Re: North Korea draft statement

Are they moving with the press stmt?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 6:05 PM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Haley, Nikki
Subject: RE: North Korea draft statement

Thanks, Jon. Reviewing now.

DMG

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From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:04 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: North Korea draft statement

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: RE: North Korea draft statement

I'm standing by.

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From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: Re: North Korea draft statement

Ok need to do a secure call at 10:15

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: RE: North Korea draft statement

I'm in the W office now. I will be in NY tomorrow.

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From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Glaccum, David M
Subject: Re: North Korea draft statement

Need to meet as soon as I get into the office to discuss some changes. Jon, when do you get in?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Glaccum, David M; Haley, Nikki
Subject: RE: North Korea draft statement

Your change is good.

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From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:50 PM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Haley, Nikki
Subject: RE: North Korea draft statement

Jon,

Attached I have one comment related to [redacted] in the first couple sentences. B5

Thanks.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:04 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: North Korea draft statement

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From:	Banks, Aaron M <BanksAM2@state.gov>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 27, 2017 7:12 PM
To:	Roskam, Gracey <RoskamG@state.gov>; Dewees, Leslie A. <DeweesLA@state.gov>; Veldran, Katherine <VeldranK@state.gov>
Cc:	Glaccum, David M <GlaccumDM@state.gov>; Chriqui, Jacob <ChriquiJ@state.gov>; Banks, Aaron M <BanksAM2@state.gov>
Subject:	***NH Brief***6/29 UN Security Council Iran '2231' Implementation Briefing and Consultations

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Event: **UN Security Council Iran '2231' Implementation Briefing and Consultations**
Date: June 29, 2017
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Security Council Chamber
Briefers: UN Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs Jeffrey Feltman

Background: UN Under-Secretary General Jeffrey Feltman will brief the Council in the open chamber on the Secretary General's third bi-annual report on implementation of UNSCR 2231 on Iran. We believe this is a strong report that helpfully shines a spotlight on a range of illicit Iranian activities, especially its arms smuggling and ballistic missile activities. Security Council experts met in the 2231 Format to discuss the report on June 23.

UNSCR 2231 was negotiated alongside the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and retained binding restrictions on Iran for set periods of time. These measures include prohibitions on transfers of conventional arms, and certain ballistic missile- and nuclear-related technology; it also includes targeted sanctions (asset freeze/travel ban) on listed Iranian individuals and entities. UNSCR 2231 asked the Secretary-General to report every six months on implementation of these measures.

Iran reacted negatively to the last two UNSCR 2231 reports. FM Zarif argued that the findings on arms smuggling and ballistic missiles would embolden Iranian hardliners. He also criticized the UN for not evaluating Tehran's complaints that the United States has not complied fully with our JCPOA commitments on sanctions relief.

Secretary-General's Report on UNSCR 2231: Key Points

- **JCPOA**: The Secretary-General calls upon the JCPOA participants to continue to work together in good faith and reciprocity; he also encouraged all States to act in accordance and support the JCPOA, and to avoid "provocative actions and speech." He asserts that "it is in the interest of the international community, writ large, that this achievement of multilateral diplomacy endures transitions and implementation challenges." The report notes that

- **Ballistic missiles**: The report recalls Iran's January 2017 ballistic missile launch and presents information from the United States, UK, France, Germany and Israel asserting that this launch was in defiance of UNSCR 2231. Noting that there is no Security Council consensus on how this launch related to UNSCR 2231, the Secretary-General nonetheless calls upon Iran to "avoid such ballistic missile launches that have the potential to increase tensions." The report also notes formal allegations from Israel that there is proof of cooperation between Iran and DPRK on the development of missile technologies (Iran has denied this). It also refers to U.S.-provided information regarding an Iranian consignment of carbon fiber (a dual-use material applicable to ballistic missiles) that was in violation of UNSCR 2231.

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- **Arms:** The report summarizes a series of reported incidents involving the prohibited transport of Iranian arms, including recent arms seizures by Ukraine and Turkey and an incident where South Africa provided emergency repair services to an Iranian warship. It also analyzes weapons seized in a March 2016 interdiction, concluding that the weapons were indeed of Iranian origin. The report includes several paragraphs on illicit transfer of Iranian arms to Yemen, with detailed information from the Yemenis and UAE about weapons intercepted.

- **Targeted sanctions (asset freeze/travel ban)**: The report notes that the Defense Industries Organization, UN-listed entity, participated in an Iraq Defense Exhibition in apparent violation of the asset freeze. It also documents the extensive travel General Qasem Soleimani, who has been repeatedly to Iraq and Syria in violation of the UNSCR 2231 travel ban.

- **UNSCR 2231 implementation**: The Secretariat continues outreach to promote UNSCR 2231 implementation, including through attendance at international trade conferences.

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From:	Haley, Nikki
Sent:	Friday, July 07, 2017 12:47 PM
To:	Wachtel, Jonathan B.; Glaccum, David M; Lerner, Jon S; 'Adams, Chaney'
Cc:	Green, Mackenzie L
Subject:	RE: For PRESS/EXEC: Final P3 Statemetn on the nuclear weapons ban

I'm fine with it.

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From: Wachtel, Jonathan B.
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M; Lerner, Jon S; 'Adams, Chaney'
Cc: Green, Mackenzie L
Subject: FW: For PRESS/EXEC: Final P3 Statemetn on the nuclear weapons ban
Importance: High

NH/JL,

Here's the P3 Joint Statement on the adoption of the treaty on banning nuclear weapons. The treaty passed a short time ago. Per POL: "It was an incredibly difficult text to negotiate over the last 24 hours, so please only make changes if absolutely necessary." [redacted] B5

[redacted] B5

jw

Joint Press Statement from the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the United States, United Kingdom and France following the adoption of a treaty banning nuclear weapons

France, the United Kingdom and the United States have not taken part in the negotiation of the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons. We do not intend to sign, ratify or ever become party to it. Therefore, there will be no change in the legal obligations on our countries with respect to nuclear weapons. For example, we would not accept any claim that this treaty reflects or in any way contributes to the development of customary international law. Importantly, other states possessing nuclear weapons and almost all other states relying on nuclear deterrence have also not taken part in the negotiations.

This initiative clearly disregards the realities of the international security environment. Accession to the ban Treaty is incompatible with the policy of nuclear deterrence, which has been essential to keeping the peace in Europe and North Asia for over 70 years. A purported ban on nuclear weapons that does not address the security concerns that continue to make nuclear deterrence necessary cannot result in the elimination of a single nuclear weapon and will not enhance any country's security, nor international peace and security. It will do the exact opposite by creating even more divisions at a time when the world needs to remain united in the face of growing threats, including those from the DPRK's ongoing proliferation efforts. This treaty offers

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no solution to the grave threat posed by North Korea's nuclear program, nor does it address other security challenges that make nuclear deterrence necessary. A ban treaty also risks undermining the existing international security architecture which contributes to the maintenance of international peace and security.

We reiterate in this regard our continued commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and reaffirm our determination to safeguard and further promote its authority, universality and effectiveness. Working towards the shared goal of nuclear disarmament and general and complete disarmament must be done in a way that promotes international peace and security, and strategic stability, based on the principle of increased and undiminished security for all.

We all share a common responsibility to protect and strengthen our collective security system in order to further promote international peace, stability and security.

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From: Finkelstein, Craig L
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 12:36 PM
To: Wachtel, Jonathan B.; McMillan, Emily B.; Glaccum, David M; USUN-COMMS-DL; 'Adams, Chaney'
Cc: Sison, Michele J; Tachco, Amy N; Black, Joshua J; Townley, Stephen G
Subject: For PRESS/EXEC: Final P3 Statemetn on the nuclear weapons ban
Importance: High

All,

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Attached and pasted below is the agreed text for a P3 statement today on the conclusion of the nuclear weapons ban treaty. Amy, Stephen, the NSC and State Department have cleared.

This was an incredibly difficult text to negotiate over the last 24 hours, so please only make changes if absolutely necessary. If necessary, please track each change which the P3 experts and legal advisers will need to review again.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks again!

Craig L. Finkelstein
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U.S. Mission to the United Nations, New York
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[redacted]-BlackBerry

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Haley, Nikki (USUN New York)

From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 7:44 PM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Haley, Nikki
Subject: Re: Reuters / NH / U.S. has given China a draft U.N. N.Korea sanctions resolution: diplomats

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Amb. Haley / Jon,

Anything I can do to help prep for the shows?

DMG

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 7:12 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: Re: Reuters / NH / U.S. has given China a draft U.N. N.Korea sanctions resolution: diplomats

Left you a message. Call me if you want to talk about it. My flight is delayed. I have another 45 minutes.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 7:06 PM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: Re: Reuters / NH / U.S. has given China a draft U.N. N.Korea sanctions resolution: diplomats

Ok thanks. [redacted] B5

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:43 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: Re: Reuters / NH / U.S. has given China a draft U.N. N.Korea sanctions resolution: diplomats

I had a strong discussion today with Patrick Murray and Kelley Currie on this topic. They are both in the right place. Will send you a summary of our discussion later.

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From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:35 PM
To: Lerner, Jon S; Glaccum, David M
Subject: Re: Reuters / NH / U.S. has given China a draft U.N. N.Korea sanctions resolution: diplomats

It's getting more and more careless.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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From: Lerner, Jon S
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:25 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Glaccum, David M
Subject: Re: Reuters / NH / U.S. has given China a draft U.N. N.Korea sanctions resolution: diplomats

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From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:02 PM
To: Glaccum, David M; Lerner, Jon S
Subject: Re: Reuters / NH / U.S. has given China a draft U.N. N.Korea sanctions resolution: diplomats

Let them know I want answers. [redacted] B5

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Glaccum, David M
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Lerner, Jon S
Subject: Re: Reuters / NH / U.S. has given China a draft U.N. N.Korea sanctions resolution: diplomats

Amb. Haley,

Yes ma'am, [redacted] B5

[redacted] I will ask the folks working this issue and the press team to see what happened here. B5

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To: Lerner, Jon S; Glaccum, David M
Subject: Fw: Reuters / NH / U.S. has given China a draft U.N. N.Korea sanctions resolution: diplomats

Who is talking? Someone is.

Look at diplomat statement. [redacted] B5

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From: Lange, Aly <LangeA1@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 2:33 PM
To: USUN-AsiaNews-DL; USUN-DPRKNews-DL
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July 7, 2017
Reuters

The United States has given China a draft United Nations Security Council resolution that would impose new sanctions on North Korea over Pyongyang's intercontinental ballistic missile launch, U.N. diplomats said on Friday.

Traditionally, the United States and China have negotiated new sanctions on North Korea before formally involving other council members. Diplomats said informally that the United States would keep Britain and France in the loop, while China was likely talking to Russia.

The United States, China, Russia, Britain and France are the Security Council's permanent veto-wielding powers.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said on Wednesday that she would propose new sanctions to the 15-member council in coming days, though Russia has said further sanctions would not resolve the issue.

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Attachments: P3 Statement for Press FINAL.docx

Importance: High

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Cc: Sison, Michele J; Tachco, Amy N; Black, Joshua J; Townley, Stephen G
Subject: For PRESS/EXEC: Final P3 Statemetn on the nuclear weapons ban
Importance: High

All,

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Attached and pasted below is the agreed text for a P3 statement today on the conclusion of the nuclear weapons ban treaty. Amy, Stephen, the NSC and State Department have cleared.

This was an incredibly difficult text to negotiate over the last 24 hours, so please only make changes if absolutely necessary. If necessary, please track each change which the P3 experts and legal advisers will need to review again.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks again!

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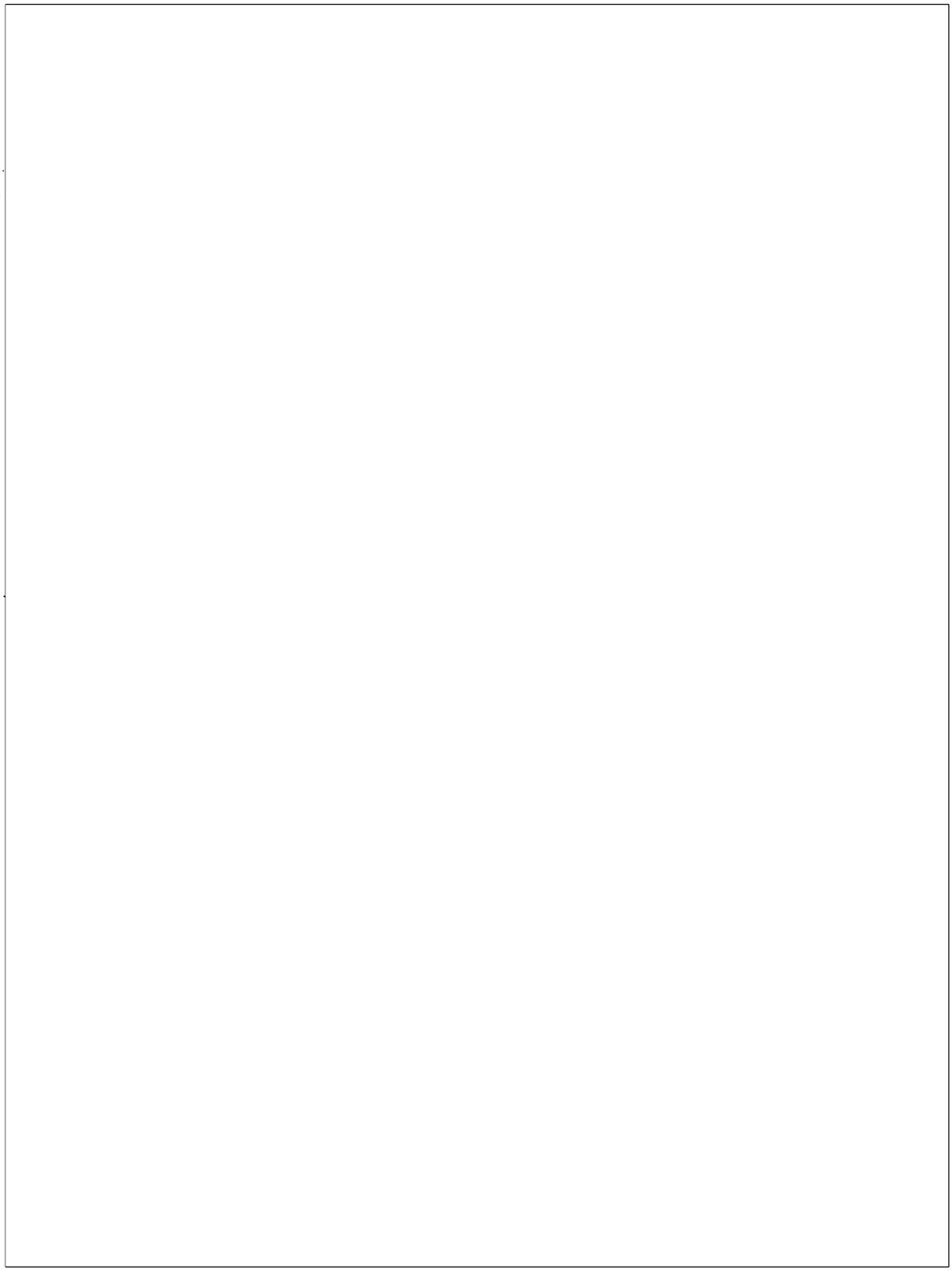
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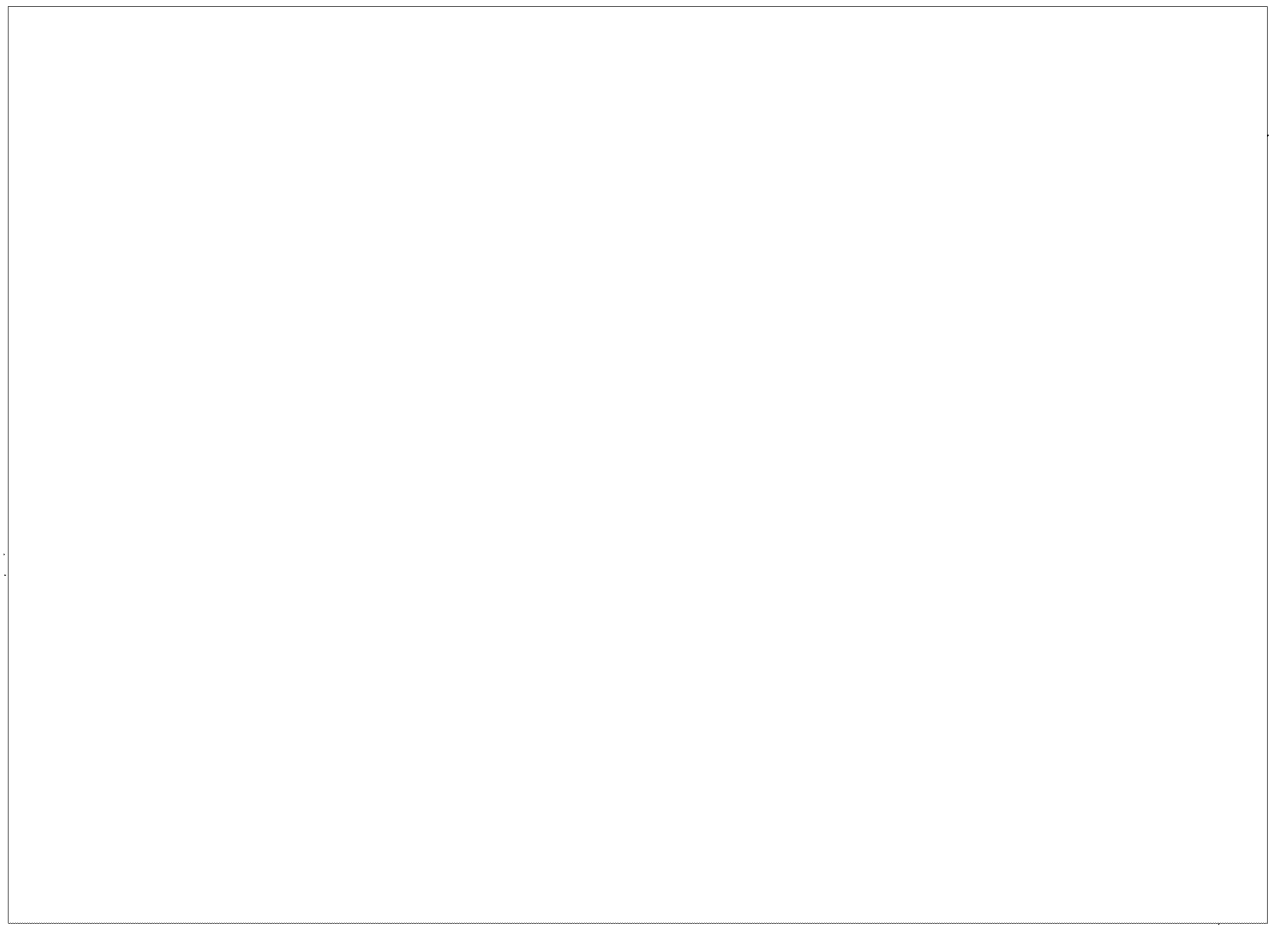
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